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JENNIE BAXTER: JOURNALIST

BY ROBERT BARR.

VI.—The Explosion In the Treasury.

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When Jennie returned to Vienna and was once more installed in her luxurious rooms at the Palace Steinheimer, she received in due time a copy of The Daily Bugle, forwarded to her under cover as a registered letter. The girl could not complain that the editor had failed to make the most of the news she had sent him. As she opened out the paper she saw the great black headlines that extended across two columns, and the news itself, dated not from Venice, but from Vienna, was in type a shade larger than that ordinarily used in the paper and was double leaded. The headings were startling enough:

PHANTOM GOLD.

The Most Gigantic Robbery of Modern Times.

The Austrian War Chest Dynamited.

Twenty Million Pounds In Gold Looted.

Appalling Disaster at the Treasury In Vienna.

Four Men Killed and Sixteen Others More or Less Seriously Injured.

"Dear me!" the princess cried, in looking over Jennie's shoulder at these amazing headings, "how like home that looks! The Bugle doesn't seem at all like a London journal. It reminds me of a Chicago paper's account of a baseball match, a baseball match when Chicago was winning, of course, when Anson had lined out the ball from the plate to the lake front and brought three men in on a home run at a critical point in the game."

"Good gracious!" cried Jennie, "What language are you speaking? Is it slang or some foreign tongue?"

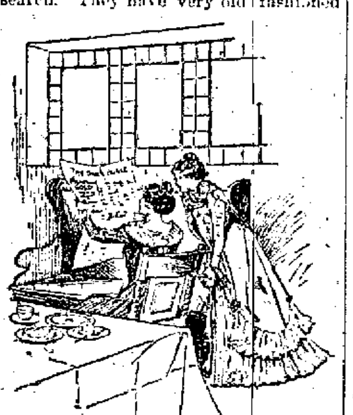
"It is pure Chicagoese, Jennie, into which I occasionally lapse even here in prim Vienna. I would like to see a good baseball match, with the Chicago nine going strong. Let us abandon this effete monarchy, Jennie, and pay a visit to America."

"I'll go with pleasure if you will tell me first who looted the war chest. If you can place your dainty forefinger on the spot that conceals 200,000,000 florins in gold, I'll go anywhere with you."

"Oh, yes, that reminds me. I spoke to my husband this morning and asked him if he could get you enrolled as a special detective, and he said there might be some difficulty in obtaining such an appointment for a woman. Would you have any objection to dressing up as a nice young man, Jennie?"

"I'd very much rather not. I hope you didn't suggest that to the prince." The princess laughed merrily and shook her head.

"No. I told him I believed that you could solve the mystery if any one could, and, remembering what you had done in that affair of the diamonds, my husband has the greatest faith in your powers as an investigator, but he fears the authorities here will be reluctant to allow a woman to have any part in the search. They have very old fashioned ideas about woman in Austria and think her proper place is presiding over a tea table."



The headlines were startling enough.

"Well, if they only knew it," said Jennie, archly, "some things have been discovered over a teacup within our own memories."

"That is quite true," replied the princess, "but we can hardly give the incident as a recommendation to the Austrian authorities. By the way, have you noticed that no paper in Vienna said a single word about the robbery of the war chest? It must have been telegraphed here very promptly from London, and yet they do not even deny it, which is the usual way of meeting the truth."

While they were talking a message came from the prince, asking if he might take the liberty of breaking in upon their conference. A few moments after the prince himself entered the apartment and bowed courtly deference to the two ladies.

"I have succeeded," he said, "beyond my expectations. It seems that a newspaper in London has published an account of the whole affair, and the police, who were at their wits' end before, are even more flustered now that the account of the robbery has been made public."

"Jennie has just received a paper from London," said the princess hurriedly, "which says the war chest of Austria has been robbed of 200,000,000 florins, but there is nothing about it in the Vienna press."

"No," replied the prince, "nor is there likely to be. The robbery is now known to all the world except Austria, and I imagine nothing will be said about it here."

"Is there, then, any truth in the report?" asked the princess innocently.

"Truth! It's all truth; that is just where the trouble is. There is little use in our denying it, because this London sheet is evidently well informed, and, to deny it, we should have to publish something about the robbery itself, which we are not inclined to do. It is known, however, who the two correspondents of the London paper are, and I believe the police are going to make it so interesting for those two gentlemen that they will be glad to leave Vienna, for a time at least. Of course nothing can be done openly, because Englishmen make such a fuss when their liberties are encroached upon. One of the young men has been lured across the frontier by a bogus telegram, and I think the authorities will see that he does not get back in a hurry; the other, we expect to be rid of before long. Of course we could expel him, but if we did it would be thought that we had done so because he had found out the truth about the explosion."

"How did you learn about the explosion?" asked the princess.

"[illegible] all there was to know ever since it happened?"

The princess gave Jennie a quick look, which said as plainly as words, "Here was the news we wanted in our own household and we never suspected it."

"Why didn't you tell me about it?" cried the princess indignantly.

"Well, you see, my dear, you never took any interest in politics, and I did not think the affair would have any attraction for you. Besides," he added, with a smile, "we were all cautioned to keep the matter as secret as possible."

"And wonderfully well you have managed it!" exclaimed the princess. "That shows what comes of trusting a secret to a lot of men. Here it is published to all the world."

"Not quite all the world, my dear. As I have said, Austria will know nothing about it."

"The princess tells me," said Jennie, "that you were kind enough to endeavor to get me permission to make some investigation into this mystery. Have you succeeded?"

"Yes, Miss Baxter, as I have said, I have succeeded quite beyond my expectations, for the lady detective is comparatively a new thing in Vienna. However, the truth is the police are completely in a fog and they are ready to welcome help from whatever quarter it comes. Here is a written permit from the very highest authority, which you are not to use except in a case of emergency. Here is also an order from the chief of police which will open for you every door in Vienna, and, finally, here is a badge which you can pin on some not too conspicuous portion of your clothing. This badge, I understand, is rarely given out. It is partly civil and partly military. You can show it to any guard, who will, on seeing it, give you the right of way. In case he does not, appeal to his superior officer, and allow him to read your police permit. Should that fail, then play your trump card, which is this highly important document.

"The director of the police, who is a very shrewd man, seemed anxious to make your acquaintance before you began your investigations. He asked me if you would call upon him, but seemed taken aback when I told him that you were my wife's friend and a guest at our house, so he suggested that you would in all probability wish first to see the scene of the explosion and proposed that he should call here with his carriage and accompany you to the treasury. He wished to know if 4 o'clock in the afternoon would suit your convenience."

"Oh, yes," replied Jennie. "I am anxious to begin at once, and of course I shall be obliged to him if he will act as my guide in the vaults of the treasury and tell me how much they have already discovered."

"You must not expect information from the police. In fact, I doubt if they have discovered anything; still, if they have, they are more likely to keep it to themselves, and I imagine they will hold a pretty close watch on you and be more anxious to learn what you find out and thus take the credit, if they can, than to furnish you with any knowledge of the affair they may happen to possess."

"That is quite natural and only what one has a right to expect. I don't wish to rob the police of any credit there is to be gained from this investigation, and I am quite willing to turn over to them whatever clews I may happen to chance upon."

"Well, if you can convince the director of that, you will have all the assistance he can give you. It wouldn't be bad tactics to let him know that you are acting merely in an amateur way, and that you have no desire to rob them of their glory when it comes to the solving of the problem."

Promptly at 4 o'clock the director of the police put in appearance at the Palace Steinheimer. He proved to be a most obsequious, highly decorated old gentleman, in a very resplendent uniform, and he could hardly conceal his surprise on learning that the lady detective was a woman so young and so pretty. Charmed as he was to find himself in the company of one so engaging, it was nevertheless evident to Jennie that he placed no very high estimate on the assistance she might be able to give in solving the mystery of the treasury. This trend of mind, she thought, had its advantages, for the director would be less loath to give her full particulars of what had already been accomplished by the police.

Jennie accompanied the director to that extensive mass of buildings of which the treasury forms a part. The carriage drew up at a doorway and here the director and his companion got out. He led the way into the building, then ascended a stair, entered an arched corridor, at the door of which two soldiers stood on guard, who saluted as the chief passed them.

"Does this lead to the room where the explosion took place?" asked Jennie.

"Yes."

"And is this the only entrance?"

"The only entrance, madame."

"Were the men on guard in this doorway injured by the explosion?"

"Yes! They were not seriously injured, but were rendered incapable for a time of attending to their duties."

"Then a person could have escaped without their seeing him?"

"A whole regiment of persons might have escaped. You will understand exactly the situation if I compare this corridor to a long cannon, the room at the end being the breech-loading chamber. Two guards were inside the room and two others outside the door that communicated with this corridor. These four men were killed instantly. Of the guards inside the room not a vestige has been found. The door, one of the strongest ever made, somewhat similar to the door of a safe, was flung outward and crushed to the floor the two guards who stood outside it in the corridor. [illegible] between the chamber in which the chest lay and the outer doorway [illegible]. The rest of those [illegible] traveled along this straight corridor like the charge along the inside of a gun barrel. The guards nearest the treasure chamber were, of course, the more seriously injured, but those farther out did not escape the shock, and the door by which we entered this corridor, while not blown from its hinges, was nevertheless forced open, its strong bolts snapping like matches. So when you see the great distance that intervenes between the chamber and that door you will have some idea of the force of the explosion."

He proved to be a most obsequious, highly decorated old gentleman.

"There is no exit, then, from the treasure chamber except along this corridor?"

"No, madame. The walls of the chamber are of enormous strength, because, of course, it was expected that if an attempt at robbery were ever made it would be from the outside, and it is scarcely possible that even the most expert of thieves could succeed in passing the two guards at the door, 16 guards and officers along the corridor, two outside the treasury door and two in the chamber itself. Such a large number of soldiers were kept here so that any attempt at bribery would be impossible. Among such a number one or two were sure to be incorruptible, and the guards were constantly changed. Seldom was either officer or man twice on duty here during the month. With such an enormous amount at stake every precaution was taken."

"Are there any rooms at the right or left of this corridor in which the thieves could have concealed themselves while they fired the mine?"

"No; the corridor leads to the treasure chamber alone."

"Then," said Jennie, "I can't see how it was possible for a number of men to have made away with the treasure in such circumstances as exist here."

"Nevertheless, my dear young lady, the treasure is gone. We think that the mine was laid with the connivance of one or more officers on duty here. You see, the amount at stake was so large that a share of it would tempt any nine human beings out of ten. Our theory is that the train was laid, possibly electric wires being used, which would be unnoticed along the edge of the corridor and that the bribed officer exploded the dynamite by bringing the ends of the wire into contact. We think that the explosion was a great deal more severe than was anticipated. Probably it was expected that the shock would break a hole from the treasure chamber to the street, but so strong were the walls that no impression was made upon them, and a cabman who was driving past at the time heard no sound of the explosion, although he felt a trembling of the ground and thought for a moment there had been a shock of earthquake."

"You think, then, that the thieves were outside?"

"That seems the only possible solution."

"The outside doors were locked and bolted, of course?"

"Oh, certainly. But if they had a confederate or two in the large hallway upstairs they would see to it that there was no trouble about getting in. Once inside the large hallway, with guards stunned by the shock, the way to the treasure room was absolutely clear."

"There were sentries outside the building, I suppose?"

"Yes."

"Did they see any vehicle standing or driving near the treasury?"

"No; that is the strange part of it, and, moreover, the sentries, although pacing outside the walls of this building, heard nothing of the explosion beyond a low rumble, and those who thought of the matter at all imagined an explosion had occurred in some distant part of the city."

"Then the outside doors in the large hall above were not blown open?"

"No; the officer in charge reported that they were locked and bolted when he examined them, which was some minutes, of course, after the disaster had taken place, for the officer in charge had been thrown down and stunned, seemingly by the concussion of air which took place."

As Jennie walked down the corridor she saw more and more evidences of the convulsion. The thick iron door [illegible] lay where it had fallen, and it had not been stirred since it was [illegible] the two men found under it. Its ponderous hinges were twisted as if they had been made of glue, and its massive bolts were snapped across like bits of glass. All along the corridor the floor was a thick coating of dust and debris, finely powdered, growing deeper and deeper until the entrance to the room was reached. There were no windows either in corridor or chamber, and the way was lit by candles held by soldiers who accompanied them. The scoria crunched underfoot as they walked, and in the chamber itself great heaps of dust, sand and plaster, all finely powdered, lay in the corners of the room and on one side was piled up higher than a man's head. There seemed to be tons of this debris, and as Jennie looked up at the arched ceiling resembling the roof of a vaulted dungeon she saw that the stone itself had been ground to fine dust with the tremendous force of the blast.

"Where are the remnants of the treasure chest?" she asked.

The director shook his head.

"The remnant? Not a vestige of it is to be found."

"Of what was it made?"

"We used to have an old treasure chest made of oak, bound with iron, but some years ago a new receptacle being needed, one was especially made of hardened steel, constructed on the modern principle of burglar proof and fireproof safes."

"And do you mean to say there is nothing left of this?"

"Nothing that we have been able to discover."

"Well, I have seen places where dynamite explosions have occurred, but I know of nothing to compare with this. I am sure that if dynamite had been used or any explosive now generally obtainable there would have been left at least some remnant of the safe. Hasn't this pile of rubbish been disturbed since the explosion?"

"Yes, it has been turned over. We made a search for the two men, but we found no trace of them."

"And you found no particles of iron or of steel?"

"The heap throughout is just as you see it on the surface, a fine, almost impalpable, dust. We had to exercise the greatest care in searching through it, for the moment it was disturbed with a shovel it filled the air in suffocating clouds. Of course we shall have it removed by and by and cart it away, but I considered it better to allow it to remain here until we had penetrated somewhat further into the mystery than we have already done."

Jennie stooped and picked up a handful from the heap. Her action caused a mist to rise in the air that made them [illegible] instantly sneeze. [illegible] that her handful seemed inordinately heavy for its bulk.

"May I take some of this with me?" she asked.

"Of course," replied the director. "I shall have a packet of it put up for you."

"I would like to take it with me now," said Jennie. "I have a curiosity to know exactly of what it is composed. Who is the government analyst, or have you such an official?"

"Herr Feltz, in the Graubenstrasse, is a famous analytical chemist. You cannot do better than go to him."

"Do you think he knows anything about explosives?"

"I should suppose so, but if not he will certainly be able to tell you who the best man is in that line."

The director ordered one of the men who accompanied him to find a small paper bag and fill it with the debris of the treasure chamber. When this was done, he handed the package to Jennie, who said:

"I shall go at once and see Herr Feltz."

"My carriage is at your disposal, madame."

"Oh, no, thank you! I do not wish to trouble you further. I am very much obliged to you for devoting so much time to me already. I shall take a fiacre."

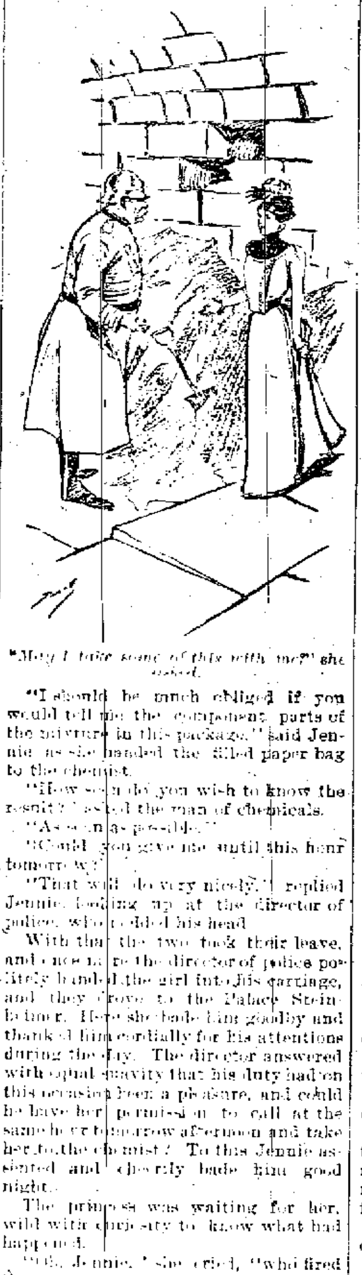
"My carriage is at the door," persisted the director, "and I will instruct the driver to take you directly to the shop of Herr Feltz. Then no time will be lost, and I think if I am with you you will be more sure of attention from the chemist, who is a very busy man."

Jennie saw that the director did not wish to let her out of his sight, and, although she smiled at his suspicion, she answered politely:

"It is very kind of you to take so much trouble and devote so much of your time to me. I shall be glad of your company if you are quite certain I am not keeping you from something more important."

"There is nothing more important than the investigation we have on hand," replied the chief grimly.

A few minutes later the carriage stopped in front of the shop of Herr Feltz in the wide Graubenstrasse. The great chemist himself waited upon them and conducted them to an inner and private room.



"May I take some of this with me?" she asked.

"I should be much obliged if you would tell me the component parts of the mixture in this package," said Jennie as she handed the filled paper bag to the chemist.

"How soon do you wish to know the result?" asked the man of chemicals.

"As soon as possible."

"Could you give me until this hour tomorrow?"

"That will do very nicely," replied Jennie, looking up at the director of police, who nodded his head.

With that the two took their leave, and once more the director of police politely handed the girl into his carriage, and they drove to the Palace Steinheimer. Here she bade him goodby and thanked him cordially for his attentions during the day. The director answered with equal suavity that his duty had on this occasion been a pleasure, and could he have her permission to call at the same hour tomorrow afternoon and take her to the chemist? To this Jennie assented and cheerily bade him good night.

The princess was waiting for her, wild with curiosity to know what had happened.

"Oh, Jennie," she cried, "who fired the mine, and who robbed the government?"

Jennie laughed merrily as she replied:

"Dear princess, what a compliment you are paying me! Do you think that in one afternoon I am able to solve a mystery that has defied the combined talents of all the best detectives in Austria? I wish the director of police had such faith in me as you have."

"And hasn't he, Jennie?"

"Indeed he has not. He watched me every minute he was with me, as if he feared I would disappear into thin air, as the treasure did."

"The insolent man! I shall have my husband speak to him and rid you of this annoyance."

"Oh, no, princess, you mustn't do anything of the kind. I don't mind it in the least; in fact, it rather amuses me. One would think he had some suspicion that I stole the money myself."

"A single word from the prince will stop all that, you know."

"Yes, I know; but I really want to help the director, he is so utterly stupid."

"Now, Jennie, take off your hat and sit down here and tell me every incident of the afternoon. Don't you see I am just consumed with curiosity? I know you have discovered something. What is it?"

"I am not going to take off my hat, because I am going out directly again, but if you will give me a cup of that delicious tea of yours."

"I shall order it at once, but dinner will be served shortly. You are surely not going out alone tonight?"

"I really must. Do not forget I have been used to taking care of myself in a bigger city than Vienna is, and I shall be quite safe. You will please excuse my absence from the dinner table tonight."

"Nonsense, Jennie! You cannot be allowed to go round Vienna in that Bohemian way."

"Then, princess, I must go to a hotel, for this evening round is strictly necessary, and I don't want to bring the Palace Steinheimer into disrepute."

"Jennie, I'll tell you what we will do; we will both bring it into disrepute. The prince is dining at his club tonight with some friends, so I shall order the carriage and you and I will roam round together. You will let me come, won't you? Where are you going?"

"I am going to the Graubenstrasse to see Herr Feltz."

"Oh, I know Herr Feltz, and a dear old man he is! He will do anything for me. If you want any favor from Herr Feltz, you had better take me with you."

"I shall be delighted. Ah, here comes the tea! But what is the use of ordering the carriage? We can walk there in a very few minutes."

"I think we had better have the carriage. The prince would be wild if he heard that we two went walking about the streets of Vienna at night. So, Jennie, we must pay some respect to conventionality, and we will take the carriage. Now tell me where you have been and what you have seen and all about it."

Over their belated decoction of tea Jennie related everything that had happened.

"And what do you expect to learn from the analysis at the chemist's, Jennie?"

"I expect to learn something that will startle the director of police."

"And what is that? Jennie, don't keep me on tenterhooks in this provoking way. How can you act so? I shall write to Lord Donal and tell him that you are here in Vienna, if you don't mind."

"Well, under such a terrible threat as that I suppose I must divulge all my suspicions. But I really don't know anything yet; I merely suspect. The weight of that dust, when I picked up a handful of it, seemed to indicate that the gold is still there in the rubbish heap."

"You don't mean to say so! Then there has been no robbery at all?"

"There may have been a robbery planned, but I don't think any thief got a portion of the gold. The chances are that they entirely underestimated the force of the explosive they were using, and, unless I am very much mistaken, they are dealing with something a hundred times more powerful than dynamite."

"And will the chemical analysis show what explosive was used?"

"No; it will only show what the debris is composed of. It will settle the question whether or not the gold is in that dust heap. If it is, then I think the government will owe me some thanks, because the director of police talked of carting the rubbish away and dumping it out of sight somewhere. If the government gets back its gold, then I suppose the question of who fired the mine is merely of academic interest."

"The carriage is waiting, your highness," was the announcement made to the princess, who at once jumped up and said:

"I'll be ready in five minutes. I'm as anxious now as you are to hear what the chemist has to say, but I thought you told me he wouldn't have the analysis ready until 4 o'clock tomorrow. What is the use of going there tonight?"

"Because I am reasonably certain that the director of police will see him early tomorrow morning, and I want to get the first copy of the analysis myself."

With that the princess ran away and presently reappeared with her wraps on. The two drove to the shop of Herr Feltz on the Graubenstrasse and were told that the chemist could not be seen in any circumstances. He had left orders that he was not to be disturbed.

"Disobey those orders and take in my card!" said the princess.

A glance at the card dissolved the man's doubts, and he departed to seek his master.

"He is working at the analysis now, I'll warrant," whispered the princess to her companion. In a short time Herr Feltz himself appeared. He greeted the princess with most deferential respect, but seemed astonished to find in her company the young woman who had called upon him a few hours previously with the director of police.

"I wanted to ask you," said Jennie, "to finish your analysis somewhat earlier than 4 o'clock tomorrow. I suppose it can be done?"

The man of science smiled and looked at her for a moment, but did not reply.

"You will oblige my friend, I hope?" said the princess.

"I should be delighted to oblige any friend of your highness," replied the chemist slowly, "but, unfortunately, in this instance I have orders from an authority not to be disputed."

"What orders?" demanded the princess.

"I promised the analysis at 4 o'clock tomorrow, and at that hour it will be ready for the young lady. I am ordered not to show the analysis to any one before that time."

"Those orders came from the director of police, I suppose?"

The chemist bowed low, but did not speak.

"I understand how it is, Jennie. He came here immediately after seeing you home. I suppose he visited you again within the hour after he left you with this young lady. Is that the case, Herr Feltz?"

"Your highness distresses me by asking questions that I am under pledge not to answer."

"Is the analysis completed?"

"That is another question which I sincerely hope your highness will not press."

"Very well, Herr Feltz. I shall ask you a question or two that you will not be frightened at. I have told my friend here that you would do anything for me, but I see I have been mistaken."

The chemist made a deprecatory motion of his hands, spreading them out and bowing. It was plainly apparent that his seeming discourtesy caused him deep regret. He seemed about to speak, but the princess went impetuously on.

"Is the director of police a friend of yours, Herr Feltz? I don't mean merely an official friend, but a personal friend?"

"I am under many obligations to him, your highness, and, besides that, like any other citizen in Vienna, I am compelled to obey him when he commands."

"What I want to know," [illegible] the princess, her anger visibly rising at this unexpected opposition, "is whether you wish the man well or ill."

"I certainly wish him well, your highness."

"In that case [illegible] leaves this shop without seeing the analysis of the material she brought to you, the director of police will be dismissed from his office [illegible] my influence with [illegible] to have that done [illegible] moment of sending us away [illegible]."

The old man bowed his white head.

"Your highness," he said, "I shall take the responsibility of refusing to obey the orders of the director of police. Excuse me for a moment." He entered into his den and presently emerged with a sheet of paper in his hand.

"It must be understood," he said, addressing Jennie, "that the analysis is but roughly made. I intend to devote the night to a more minute scrutiny."

"All I want tonight," said Jennie, "is a rough analysis."

"There it is," said the chemist, handing her the paper.

She read:

Calcium	[illegible]
Iron	[illegible]
Quartz	
Feldspar	[illegible]
Mica	
Gold	[illegible]
Traces of other substances	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

Jennie's eyes sparkled as she looked at the figures before her. She handed the paper to the princess, saying:

"You see, I was right in my surmise. More than one-third of that heap is pure gold."

"I should explain," interrupted the chemist, "that I have grouped the quartz, feldspar and mica together without giving the respective proportions of each, because it is evident that the combination represents granite."

"I understand," said Jennie; "the walls and roof were of granite."

"I would further add," continued the chemist, "that I have never seen gold so finely divided as this is."

"Have you the gold and other ingredients separated?"

"Yes, madame."

"I shall take them with me, if you please."

The chemist shortly after brought her the components in little glass vials, labeled.

"Have you any idea, Herr Feltz, what explosive would reduce gold to such fine powder as this?"

"I have only a theoretical knowledge of explosives, and I know of nothing that would produce such results as we have here. Perhaps Professor Carl Seigfried could give you some information on that point. The science of detonation has been his life study, and he stands head and shoulders above his fellows in that department."

The chemist shortly after brought her the components in little glass vials.

"Can you give me his address?"

The chemist wrote the address on a sheet of paper and handed it to the young woman.

"Do you happen to know whether Professor Seigfried or his assistants have been called in during this investigation?"

"What investigation, madame?"

"The investigation of the recent terrible explosion."

"I have heard of no explosion," replied the chemist, evidently bewildered. Then Jennie remembered that while the particulars of the disaster in the treasury were known to the rest of the world no knowledge of the catastrophe had got abroad in Vienna.

"The professor," continued the chemist, not noticing Jennie's hesitation, "is not a very practical man. He is deeply learned and has made some great discoveries in pure science, but he has done little toward applying his knowledge to any everyday useful purpose. If you meet him you will find him a dreamer and a theorist. But if you succeed in interesting him in any matter he will [illegible] quite regardless of the time [illegible] or the calls of duty elsewhere."

"He is just the man I wish to see," said Jennie decisively, and with that they took leave of the chemist and once more entered the carriage.

"I want to drive to [illegible]," said Jennie. "[illegible]."

"Good gracious!" cried the princess. "You surely do not intend to call on Professor Seigfried tonight?"

"No; but I want to drive to the office of the director of police."

"Oh, that won't take us long," said the princess, giving the necessary orders. The [illegible] took them to the entrance of the [illegible] and [illegible] princess in the carriage [illegible] alone to speak with the [illegible].

"I wish to see the director [illegible]," she said.

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CONGRESS adjourned last Thursday.

BELLE BOYD, the famous spy of the civil war, is dead. She was a woman of great nerve and did good service for the Union.

CORNELIUS N. BLISS is being quite prominently spoken of for the vice presidency just now. It is understood he will accept the nomination if tendered him.

IN 1896, President McKinley said: "I hope that the time will not be far distant when every workingman in this country can get work, and get it, too, at fair and remunerative wages." The time was not far distant and it is still with us.

A DISPATCH from Thomasville, Ga., announces that an unknown negro was "quietly lynched" Monday for an attempted assault on a girl. The inference is, however, that the negro is as dead as though the affair had been of a more hilarious nature.

TAMMANY is anxious to inject a "sweeping reform" cry into the national campaign. At home in New York State, Tammany has to defend itself against its record for the highest tax-rate and for its Tammany ice trust. Reform should begin at home.

SOME of the actions of the strikers and their sympathizers in St. Louis are deplorable. A few days ago a school teacher was chased and beaten by the mob and nearly all her clothing was torn from her body because she rode on a scab car. Such action only hurts a cause, no matter how good the cause may be.

WE are in receipt of a copy of the speech delivered by Hon. John J. Lentz of Ohio, in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 21, opposing the passage of the Loud bill. The speech is one of the very best on this question and publishers throughout the United States now enjoying the benefits of second class mail rates owe a great deal to the Hon. John J. Lentz.

THE statement alleged to have come from a representative of the Chinese reformers to the effect that the Emperor desires the powers to depose the Empress Dowager and establish an international protectorate over China may be spurious, but it probably represents what the reform party would like. It is a question, however, whether the powers are not more anxious to partition China than to preserve it.

THE Philadelphia Record, that staunch, sound money Democratic paper, says: "Richard Croker still lingers in England, and it would be well for the Democratic party if his Tammany associates in the Ice Trust should follow him to that country." This is a hard thrust at Mayor Van Wyck and his brother, who are large stockholders in the trust which effects the poor people of New York more than any other.

THE situation in China, according to late advices, is assuming a more peaceful aspect. It is believed that the allied forces now at the scene of trouble will be sufficient to prevent further outbreaks, and that the Boxers' rebellion will be suppressed within a week. But in the event of menace to American interests it is understood that General Wheaton, at Manila, is prepared to act at a moment's notice and can land at Taku with from 10,000 to 25,000 men within three days.

RECENT dispatches from South Africa indicate that the war is not ended by a large majority. The Boers keep up a "pernicious activity" that is distressing to the English, who had already commenced to shout over the termination of the war. At Roodeval on June 7 it appears the Fourth Battalion were all killed, wounded or made prisoners except six enlisted men. Communications have been cut and railroads destroyed. Altogether the situation is far from reassuring from a British point of view.

THE Bradford Star in speaking of the nomination of Hon. L. Emery by the Insurgent Republicans says: "If the Democrats do not put a candidate in the field there will be a merry time. If they do—well, matters will be simplified." It is evident that the Insurgents do not trust the Democrats implicitly. Well, in our opinion, the Democrats will not place too much faith in the Insurgents. The Democrats will probably demand a fusion of the whole ticket with the "Independents" and thus force the Insurgents to show their hand and "ere the frost is on the pumpkin" it will be seen that conscientious Democrats in these prosperous times had rather be identified with the straight Republicans than at the tail end of a Fusion combination.

IN 1899 the amount paid out for labor was $3,056,635,200 as against $2,291,016,000 in 1895. This shows that the laboring class received $765,619,200 more during the third year of McKinley's administration than during Cleveland's third year. How will the bread winners vote this fall?

COL. FRANK JORDAN, who represented the Bedford district in the State Senate back in the seventies, and who was Secretary of the Commonwealth during the administration of Gov. Geary, died in Harrisburg on Saturday last, aged 80 years. Col. Jordan was an able lawyer and was quite wealthy some years since, but owing to obligations he assumed for his son, the late Will F. Jordan, formerly mayor of Bradford, this county, he has been very much embarrassed financially, for some years past.

EVIDENTLY the fusion program in this Congressional district is not working to the entire satisfaction of those concerned in that movement. The insurgent Republicans would like to be considered the "big toads in the puddle," in the work of disintegration in the party ranks which they are using every means to accomplish. But Mr. Emery understands that his election depends upon getting the solid Democratic vote and he, of course, notifies a leading member of that party that he wants a nomination. He wouldn't give a baubee as to how the nomination comes to him, whether through insurgent or Democratic channels, only that he is endorsed by the other gang in the combination. There are many Democrats in this district who are not thirsting for a coalition with Republican soreheads and that fact will be more clearly demonstrated at the election in November.

UNDER the careful surveillance of Governor Stone and the wise administration of Superintendent Rothrock the Commonwealth is rapidly increasing its acreage of forest land for the park reserve. The body of land known as the Pardee tract, in Clinton county, aggregating 22,830 acres, has now passed into possession of the State of Pennsylvania. From Fullerton and McGee a tract of 4,760 acres has also been purchased in Cameron and Clinton counties. The total acreage of the State's possessions lying in one block on the Susquehanna river is now 40,808 acres. This will be increased as time and circumstances permit, and it will not be long before Pennsylvania will rival New York in the amount of forest lands held by the State. Under proper attention all this land will be covered with abundant forest growth, which will prove a source of pleasure as well as profit to our future generations.—Oil City Derrick.

EDITOR LAYMON, in his issue of the Port Allegany Reporter of last week, announces that hereafter that paper will be "Independent instead of Democratic." By that announcement Mr. Laymon takes the first step towards cutting loose from Democracy. He does not believe in the free silver vagaries of William J. Bryan and, confident that they will become a part of the Democratic creed in the coming campaign, he has the manliness to decline serving under that banner from the start. The following is what he says, in part, on the subject: "The action of the Democratic convention in New York this week makes the nomination of Wm. J. Bryan as the standard bearer of that party, practically certain at the National Convention in Kansas City, July 5th. Imbued with certain, well defined principles I have been an earnest worker and co-operator in that party since reaching my majority. To these principles the narrow platform and creed of W. J. Bryan are antagonistic. I am not so vain or egotistic as to believe that my action in this or any other matter will make the least difference to Wm. J. Bryan or the Democratic party, but I simply will not use the paper in the encouragement of an idea that I believe to be wrong, radically so at this time, and especially antagonistic to the present, conceded prosperity of the nation."

American Art at Paris.

Philadelphia Press.

The success of the American art exhibit at Paris was to be expected and the honors shown to Whistler and Sargent are but official recognition of their high standing in the European art world. It is, however, a peculiar gratification for America and Americans so to excel at the Exposition of 1900, since it will give a dramatic finishing touch to the European belief—where the wish is father to the thought—that in the United States the finer things of life are unknown and success in the mechanical is our only outlet. Even those who should know better repeat this silly idea, and, heard so often, it becomes with some an article of faith, and that America should be a country of ideals and Americans capable of the highest flights in the representative arts is to them out of the question.

But at Paris, as at the World's Fair in 1893, they will see that the art growth has followed the great progress in industrial development. An American bridge, an American locomotive, represent one phase of the productiveness of the brawn and brain in a Republic that spells opportunity along many lines of endeavor, and an American picture represents another. Just as the industrial growth and the economic resourcefulness have been equal to great emergencies and infused with splendid energy and marked peculiar individuality, so American art in its lusty youth is full of splendid promise and in its present performance is worthy to hold up its head anywhere.

Perhaps the note of condescension will be sounded less abroad hereafter. Doubtless the French orator will feel he has not done his whole duty by us by praising our self reapers and marveling at our wheatfields. Many people are reading an American book and others enjoying an American picture, and the future is still before us.

Reduced Rates to Philadelphia.

On account of the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia, June 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia from all stations on its line at rate of one fare for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents.). Tickets will be sold and good going June 15 to 19, inclusive, and returning to June 26, inclusive.

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Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 11, 1900.

President McKinley had a most interesting conference with Major General E. S. Otis, who came direct from the Philippines to Washington, and who will this week go to his home in Rochester, N. Y., the citizens of which will give a public reception in his honor on the 15th inst. Gen. Otis warmly thanked the President for his promotion, and the President quite as warmly assured him that the promotion was given him because his good work in the Philippines deserved it, and in addition extended his personal thanks. Gen. Otis gave the President and members of the Cabinet many details of his work in the Philippines which had necessarily been left out of his official report, and the information added to the high esteem already felt for Gen. Otis in Washington. When the whole history of our occupation of the Philippines is written, Gen. Otis will be shown to possess a wonderful combination of military and executive ability, both exercised under difficult conditions.

President McKinley's instructions to our Minister to China and to the American naval officers in Chinese waters as to the policy to be pursued during the revolution in China by the "boxers," an anti-foreign secret organization, are short, plain and patriotic—"act in concert with the naval forces of European powers for the protection of American and European lives and property, but form no entangling alliances." In other words, the President is willing to have our naval forces help protect lives and property, but is fully determined that the United States shall not be dragged into any European schemes having for their object interference with the internal affairs of the Chinese government. That is a policy which every American should be willing to endorse and stand by, but the Democrats are already trying to distort it so that they can make political capital out of it. Their desperate need for political capital makes them reckless of facts.

When Secretary Long advertised for proposals for armor plate for the battleships that will be ready for it during the coming fiscal year, he raised the club which Congress placed in his hand over the heads of the two companies which have plants to make this armor. Whether he will strike depends entirely upon those companies. If they will submit bids for the armor needed at what he considers fair and reasonable prices, Secretary Long will give them the contract. If they are too greedy in their prices he will exercise the authority conferred upon him by Congress—a high compliment to his integrity—and proceed at once to establish a government armor making plant, which would mean the end of private armor-making. If those armor makers exercise good business sense, they will meet Secretary Long's idea of what is a fair price to pay for armor.

Democrats are not doing so much talking about the ordering of several regiments of the regular army to the Philippines since they found out that the only object of Secretary Root in sending the regulars was to allow some of the volunteer regiments which have seen the hardest service to come home.

Secretary Root, Lieut. Gen. Miles, Maj Gen. Corbin and quite a party of officials have gone to West Point to attend the commencement exercises at the Military Academy. Neither Gen. Miles or Gen. Corbin are West Pointers.

Hon. J. P. Dolliver, Iowa's popular member of the House, is being strongly pushed for second place on the McKinley ticket, and if Iowa wasn't such a sure Republican state he would be almost sure of winning, and he may do so anyway. Personally, no better man could be nominated.

Senator Mason, of Ill., who made several speeches during the session of Congress against administration policies, called on President McKinley and assured him that he would take the stump for the Philadelphia ticket and assist in rolling up an old-time majority in Illinois.

Senator Hanna has consented to remain at the head of the Republican national committee during the coming campaign. This statement is made on authority only second to that of Senator Hanna himself, who still declines to discuss the matter for publication, further than to say that the chairman of the committee will be announced after the state delegations to the Philadelphia convention have chosen the members of the new committee.

Nothing could more strikingly illustrate the friendly relations of President McKinley with all the prominent members of the party than that he has no choice for the Vice Presidency. He says that any man who can get the votes of a majority of the convention will be entirely satisfactory to him. This leaves the contest for second place open to all Republicans. It is usually the case that a President about to be renominated has objections to some of those mentioned as his running mate, and expresses them.

It is to be expected, of course, that Democratic Congressmen and politicians should be loud in their denunciation of Hon H. Clay Evans, President McKinley's Commissioner of Pensions, whom they assert is unfriendly to the old soldier and the soldier's widow, for the reason that they are desirous of securing the veterans' votes. It may, however, be of interest to these self constituted champions of the old soldier, as well as to the veterans themselves, to know that during the first three years of Commissioner Evans' administration of the Pension Bureau, he allowed nearly five thousand more widows' claims than were allowed during the corresponding three years of his Democratic predecessor. During the fiscal years 1894, 1895 and 1896 widows' allowances were 52,958 against 57,848 during 1897, 1898 and 1899. This, too, in spite of the fact that the decrease through death of widows of soldiers of the civil war is rapidly increasing from year to year.

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price [illegible] L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

The MINER and Tribune $1.25.

Railroads and Prosperity.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

One of the most delicate barometers of trade conditions is the reports of the railroads of the country, giving the number of men employed and the amount of tracks laid, together with the total number of passengers and the total amount of freight carried. A careful study of such tables, extending back for twelve or sixteen years will give some remarkable information to those who are desirous of finding out exactly what the Republican party has done for the country. During each of Cleveland's administrations more than one hundred thousand men were dropped from the payrolls of the railroads of this country, so that each succeeding Republican wave has had to make up for the loss of work and number of men employed, as well as create a condition that will carry the country a few steps further on in the path of prosperity.

During Mr. Cleveland's second term only 3,542 miles of railroad were built, or, in other words, railroad building was practically at a standstill. When Mr. McKinley came to the White House the losses of those years had to be made up, and during the years 1898 and 1899 alone we built 5,719 miles of road. But this is not all. For the coming year we have made arrangements to build fifty nine hundred miles of railroad, which will employ 279,600 men and give a further circulation of $280,000,000, among the very people who are most in need of money. This is a showing to be proud of, and if that were all the administration could go before the country with a proud record; but there is another fact that points more directly to the vast increase of business during the past four years.

During Cleveland's second administration railroad earnings, as shown by their dividends, decreased [illegible], but since that time have increased almost $60,500,000. This shows where the real effect of Republican rule is felt, namely, in the earning capacity of the roads.

No department but has felt the effect of good times, no man connected with these vast concentrations of capital but has prospered, and this has widened in effect until the whole country has been benefited. This is not an argument, it is a fact. The figures speak for themselves, and to quote them is to give utterance to the best political truths of the day. But the trouble is, that people have been so prosperous under the McKinley administration that they have ceased to be interested in stories that tell of the prosperity of the country.

We have, however, sufficient faith in the level headedness of the American people to believe that they will take the cool view of the situation and profit by their experience.

Woman, Gentle Woman.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

Here are a few facts gleaned from a single issue of the newspapers:

One hundred and forty girl students at Wellesley College bind and gag twenty-five other female students, daub them with paint and leave them in the woods at night.

The Elmira College Athletic Association, composed exclusively of girls, made the following record in their annual sports: Standing broad jump, 7 feet, 8 inches; 50 yard hurdle race, [illegible] seconds; base ball throwing, 133 feet, 3 inches; running broad jump, 11 feet, 1 inch; 100 yard dash, 11 1-2 seconds; 1-3 mile walk, [illegible] minutes.

Jessie Gibney, of Jersey City grabbed a thief by the collar and wrestled around the room with him, screaming for help, and thus effected his capture.

In St. Louis several women were attacked by various mobs of women. The clothing of those attacked were torn from their backs, and the victims chased in semi-nakedness through the streets of the town. A mob of women also publicly spanked three young women school teachers.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs adjourned after trying to heal the many wounds engendered by the meeting, and without being able to prevent the race question becoming a matter for the courts.

The Empress of China—

We think we have enumerated enough incidents without going to Asia for facts in regard to the question of the "eternal feminine." The time has been when woman depended upon man to aid her in her weakness and see that she had a safe passage through life. But what is the average man to think when he picks up the morning's paper and reads a batch of news such as we have just quoted. And, especially what is the man going to think if he is a bachelor?

Forests Must be Protected.

In answer to Forestry Commissioner Rothrock's request for specific directions as to the proper method of procedure against County Commissioners who fail to comply with the Forestry Commissioners's request to appoint detectives to ferret out those guilty wilfully or otherwise of causing the burning of timber lands under the act of July 15, 1897, Deputy Attorney General Fleitz writes as follows.

"I beg to state that by the express terms of the act such non compliance on the part of the County Commissioners is a misdemeanor in office and it is the duty of the District Attorneys of the various counties of the state, upon information made by you or your agents against such offending County Commissioners, to present the same to the grand jury, and upon indictment found and conviction had the penalties prescribed by the act must be imposed."

A Free Scholarship to Each County.

The Schissler College of Business, an incorporated institution at Norristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in order to introduce its advantages for securing a thorough business education, will give one free scholarship to each county in the state. [illegible] grants to the student free tuition [illegible] the shorthand or commercial department. Students desiring to take advantage of the opportunity will make application at once mentioning this paper, as the first application for each county only will be considered, upon receipt of which, conditions will be forwarded.

Last fall I sprained my left hip [illegible] for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

School Report.

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Free to Inventors.

The experience of C. A. Snow & Co. in obtaining more than [illegible] patents for inventors has enabled them to helpfully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. This they have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, caveats, infringements, decisions in leading patent cases, etc., etc. This pamphlet will be sent free to anyone writing to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Reduced Rates to Philadelphia.

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Half Rates to Philadelphia.

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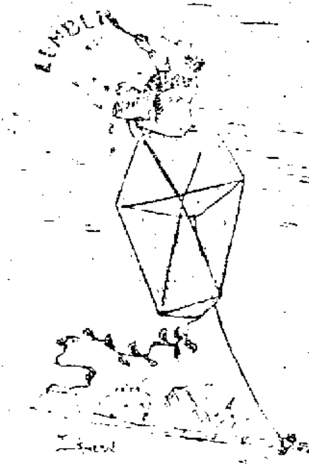
Well! Well! Well!



To attract your attention, if necessary, we will next paint our sign on the moon.

Before placing your orders elsewhere get our prices on

Lumber, Shingles Sash, Doors and Glass.

We have a complete stock of all kinds of first class BUILDING MATERIAL and will save you money.

A. Miller & Son
18 KENNEDY STREET, BRADFORD, PA.

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C. A. SNOW & CO.
OPP. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Why We Are Best
For Furniture & Carpets

It's not saying too much when we say we have the best furniture store. No exaggeration when we say we have the best and largest stock, best facilities for supplying your needs. We don't sacrifice quality for price, but we assure you the greatest value for your money. It's in doing all these things, showing our patrons every attention, that [illegible] new customers and retain old ones. All inquiries by mail or phone receive prompt attention. (The office of the [illegible] is within one block.)

DINING ROOM FURNITURE IN GREAT VARIETY.

Golden oak china closet and sideboards combined, $40. Quartered oak cane seat dining chairs $2.25 special. Golden oak dining table, turned legs, polish top, special, $8. Full line of other [illegible] tables $5 to $25, sideboards $15 to $50, chairs [illegible] each. Best quality all brass beds $30 and $35. White enamel beds, brass trimmed $4.50. Solid oak [illegible] $10 to $35, mahogany $50 and $60. Odd dressers, washstands, dressing tables, chiffoniers, springs, mattresses, pillows, etc. Our line of parlor furniture is new and modern, the fine odd pieces, rockers, tetes, Davenports, couches, Morris chairs, etc. Baby carriages and go carts at popular prices.

OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT IS VERY BUSY.

The largest line of pretty styles in the city at lowest prices. Large line Oriental velvets in designs suitable for large rugs Library, hall and parlor carpets. Remember we sew, pack and deliver all goods free.

Andrews & Conkling,
Agents for White Sewing Machines. A Five Year Guarantee.
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NEW STORE

NEW CLOTHING.
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NEW EVERYTHING.

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OLD PRINCIPLE "VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY."

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AN UP-TO DATE CUTTER.
MERCHANT TAILORING A SPECIALTY.

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Bradford Driving Park,
BRADFORD, PA.
June 26, 27, 28 and 29.
$5,200 IN PURSES.
MANY OF THE NOTED HORSES OF THE COUNTRY WILL COMPETE.
BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE.
Every day will be "the best day." Excursion rates on all railroads.
Admission, 50c. Children under 12, 25c.
L. E. MALLORY, President. E. P. WHITCOMB, Secretary.
FRANK B. WALKER, Starting Judge.

J. COLEGROVE.
106 East Main Street.

Look at our new Belt without buckle [illegible] eyelet holes in leather. A clean new article and great seller.

New Line of Pulley Belts.
New Summer Line of Shoes.

Summer [illegible] for ladies, misses, boys and men.

[illegible] Try them.

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J. COLEGROVE.

Bicycle Repair Shop
Alex Clarke, Prop.
OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

I HAVE OPENED MY REPAIR SHOP FOR THE SEASON OF 1900, AND AM NOW READY FOR BUSINESS.

FULL LINE OF TIRES, SUNDRIES, ETC. AGENT FOR THE ECLIPSE BICYCLE AND MORROW COASTER BRAKE.

ALL REPAIRING NEATLY DONE.

Call and be Satisfied.

Alex Clarke.

COME TO BRADFORD.

You will find all the variety here that anyone can wish for. You buy at prices which no store can undersell, yet get lines that are tested—that are selected to sustain our reputation. You get all the possible benefits of the greatest stores.

HAMMOCKS.

All the styles made by three great makers—bought in enormous quantities—sold on very small margins.

The 1900 hammocks are unique. No styles ever shown like them. Prices 75 cents up. For $2 a very good one. The best in the store for $4.50—worth $6.

REFRIGERATORS.

We sell Vogt's—for 15 years the standard for honesty. They are so economical of ice that they pay for themselves over and over. Modern in every way save the filling. Such honest filling isn't common now.

Prices $8 up.

Ice chests $5.50.

LAWN MOWERS.

We sell good lawn mowers for less than any other store around here. And we alone sell the Pennsylvanias — the best ever made.

Lawn mower sharpeners $1.00.

RUBBER HOSE.

The warranted kinds, from 8 to 11 cents per foot. You cannot get the poor kinds for less.

BABY CABS.

We show fifty styles of baby cabs with many new features. Not a price has advanced over last season, though cost has advanced enormously.

Prices run from $6.50 up.

Go-carts made in all styles in accordance with our own specifications. They will please you.

ICE CREAM FREEZERS.

The Peerless—so convenient that a child can operate. Quick freezes in 3 minutes. Two-quart size for $1.75.

DINNER SETS—$4.95.

We have some dinner sets of 100 pieces that we sell at less than half value because of slight imperfections. They are the best bargains ever offered in this department.

RUBBER PAINT.

Our paint stock includes the best of everything. But the most economical paint that we have is Rubber Paint. We have tested it for 17 years and have found it durable. It outlasts common paint two and three times over. Sold ready mixed in 20 colors—$1.50 per gal.

HARNESS.

No store in this section can compete with us on harness. The owners of this store are horsemen. We know what is good and how to buy it. An $11 harness for $8. Harness for every purpose, and everything else for a horse.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

New Line Shirt Waists

Just received at store of D. C. Young; also stock collars and pulley belts. Call and examine same.
Do not forget to ask for hosiery and underwear.
Women's gauze underwear at 5c per garment and upward.
Men's, Women's and Children's hose, from 5c a pair up to 50c.
Grocery stock complete—New line of Heinz celebrated pickles, olives, &c. Canned corn 5c to 15c a can. All other goods in proportion.
Everything bought and sold for cash.
No one allowed to undersell us, who expects to continue in business.

D. C. YOUNG.
SMETHPORT, PA.

June 12, 1900.

BLIND.

What a horrible sensation you experienced when you looked upon that unfortunate man and realized his deplorable condition. Never thought of yourself though that by your persistent carelessness you might some day have the same affliction. Unless by accident, blindness always comes one way. By Neglect. Eyes become weak, you strain them. They become weaker; you continue your carelessness, at last it is too late, you are hopeless, no help—no cure—you are blind [illegible] day. We'll examine your eyes and tell you what is needed FREE of charge. Then if you like we will supply you.

Chas. H. Robie,
Leading Optician and Jeweler,
143 N. Union St. - Olean, N. Y.

Following is a partial list of goods carried by

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.
Opposite Court House.

Cut Glass Ware
Sterling Silver Novelties
Plated Ware
Inks & Mucilage
Wave Crest Ware
Trusses, Rubber Goods
Antiseptic Dressings

Fishing Tackle
Stationery
Blank Books
Leather Goods
Letter Files
Bohemian Ware
Grecian Ware

Patent Medicines
Drugs
Chemicals
Tooth Brushes
Hair Brushes
Toilet Articles
Chamois

The Union Telephone office is located in our store.

Store Open Night and Day.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

Dry Goods, Carpets, Shoes.

Groceries.

Our store offers many new attractions this week to which we cordially invite the public.

Parasols.

This year's dressy Summer girl must carry a parasol, that's what the fashion-fixers say, and, of course, this store is ready to meet the parasol fancies of the most exacting women.

Prices ranging from $1.50 to $4.50.

Sea-Grass Mattings and Rugs.

These goods are now taking the place of the common straw mattings and far excels in durability. They are highly recommended by sanitary authorities.

We give careful attention to mail orders.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Picture Mouldings

A new stock
Reasonable cost

Vive Cameras

The best—All sizes
Enquire about Price

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

IT IS

a well known fact houses doing a large business with ample capital can afford to hand e better assortments and sell closer than smaller concerns. We are doing the business, have the capital and are selling close. If we should not have what you want we will get it at once.

The Big Store,

Hamlin & Redfield.

ARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, COOKING UTENSILS, PAINTS, CHINA, GLASSWARE, ETC.
Opposite Postoffice.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1900.

Smethport, Pa.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in northwestern Pennsylvania, only 97 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 120 miles—air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the State.

Cheap fuel oil in vast quantities.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, and, on a direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous Shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,000, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings, a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1500 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the State, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Attend the circus.

—We celebrate the 4th.

—Bradford wants a new hospital.

—Uncle Tom's Cabin Monday, June 18.

—Bradford races June 26 to 29 inclusive.

—Ray Wolters is confined to the house with quinsy.

—Coudersport claims to have a crack-a-jack ball team.

—Come to Smethport the fourth and enjoy yourselves.

—Some nice black bass are being caught in this vicinity.

—An industrial parade will be one of the features of our celebration.

—On and after June 15 the postoffice will close promptly at 8:30 p. m.

—The several offices in the court house have been refurnished with new chairs.

—Some good sport is promised at the Bradford races this year. Don't fail to attend.

—The street fair at Olean is in full blast this week and large crowds are in attendance.

—Mike Nailer was killed by being struck by an engine near Cross Forks last Thursday.

—The material is being put on the ground for the remodeling of the Chautauqua House.

—The McKean Democrat is now located on Water street, one door west of Baptist parsonage.

—The Democrats will hold their caucuses Saturday evening, July 7, between the hours of 7 and 9.

—Fry & Herzog quote some very low prices on trunks and telescopes in their advertisement this week.

—A number of sidewalks in the town are in a dangerous condition. They should be repaired at once.

—Smethport Hose Co. will hold an important meeting to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members should attend.

—Dr. Chadwick and J. A. Holder have had the fronts of their business places painted. Green is the prevailing color.

—The slot musical gambling machine captured by Comrade Looker in Kane was burned with due ceremonies on Monday afternoon by Sheriff Clarke.

—On Sunday next the Philadelphia Sunday Press will be supplemented with a large souvenir picture of Convention hall.

—Smethport will have a good baseball team organized before the Fourth and a good game may be expected for that date.

—The Philadelphia Sunday Times of June 17, will contain as a supplement a handsome lithograph of President McKinley.

—Rev. A. R. Kieffer, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Bradford, sailed on Saturday for a European trip of three months.

—J. E. Findlay, for several years a clerk at the Riddell House, Bradford, has accepted a similar position at the Grand Central.

—Bell Bros., Olean, have a new ad in this issue. All visitors to the Street Fair are invited to make this store their headquarters.

—Three Oaks, Mich., will celebrate the unveiling of the Dewey cannon on June 28. Miss Helen Gould will be the guest of honor.

—Many of the surrounding towns have ball teams this year. Is not Smethport able to keep up its excellent reputation on the diamond?

—Judge Bronson, who has been landlord of the Crowell House in Coudersport for several years, is now proprietor of a hotel in Andover, N. Y.

—Mrs. A. E. Hinman has rented the front of the store recently occupied by H. W. Rubin & Co., and opened a millinery store in the same.

—Horace G. James has severed his connection with the Bradford Star and will go to California in a short time. May success follow him.

—While driving a water well on the farm of Nelson Woodcock, near Coudersport, recently, a vein of gas was discovered at a depth of 100 feet.

—The new stone sidewalks in front of the residences of Byron D. Hamlin and John Forrest have been completed and are ornaments to the town.

—The Palace Pharmacy advertises blank books this week. The stock is large and varied. If in need of books call at the Palace Pharmacy.

—John Smith, the popular hotel man of Clermont, has been suffering with rheumatism for some time. On Monday he went to Sizerville for treatment.

—Harry Taylor of Turtle Point and Miss Ethel Sawyer of Port Allegany were married Monday at the Olean House by Rev. W. C. Weinman.—Olean Times.

—The graduating days have come, the gladdest of the year. Clarion State Normal School will graduate one of the largest classes in its history this month.

—Mr. Henry Roonan lies seriously ill with congestion of the brain at his home, 60 Center street. But slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.—Bradford Star.

—In the words of Tom Hungiville: "Let the people know that there will be a celebration at Smethport on the Fourth, that on the fifth they may feel there has been one."

—Mr. Frederick McKee of Washington, Pa., and Miss Sarah Margaret Russell of Bradford were married at the latter place on Tuesday evening, Rev. W. T. C. Hanna officiating.

—Smethport has a reputation for arranging enjoyable and entertaining programs for Fourth of July celebrations. This year's event will be fully in keeping with that reputation.

—The advantage of the license system over the "pig's ear" state of affairs was plainly illustrated in Austin recently. Some woodsmen had a barroom fracas and nobody was killed.

—On the second page will be found the ad for the Bradford races to be held June 26, 27, 28 and 29. The purses amount to $5,200 and unusually good races may be expected.

—An ice cream social for the benefit of the Union church will be held at the home of Fred H. Nourse, opposite the W. N. Y. & P. depot, East Smethport, on Thursday evening, June 21.

—Supervisor Frank Fritz is to be especially complimented on the way he has repaired the road on both sides of Potato creek. It is now in better condition than it has ever been before.

—The Port Allegany Press of last week contained a lengthy article on the Backus Safety Check Hook. The Press is right in saying that it is one of the best devices ever invented for the convenience of hotel men.

—There will be a meeting of the citizens of East Smethport at King's corner school house Monday evening, June 18th, to consider the matter of reorganizing the union chapel work of that village and re-electing trustees.

—Just at present there is considerable activity among oil men in securing leases in and around Coryville. Some good gas and oil wells have been drilled in lately and there is strong indications for a good territory there.

—In another column will be found the new ad of D. C. Young in which he mentions summer goods. Mr. Young has a large stock and always gives his customers their money's worth of anything purchased of him.

—Jeremiah Donnigan, who was held for manslaughter for responsibility in the death of Joseph Andrews of Olean some time ago in a wreck at the W. N. Y. & P. yards, is a free man. The case was dismissed on Monday.

—Leon Bahny of Olean, who has been attending Union college at Schenectady, N. Y., was drowned while in swimming last Thursday afternoon. The funeral was held in Olean on Sunday and the remains buried in Bradford.

—It is said that the woman who is touring Kansas towns now with a lecture entitled "Is Man An Angel," is an old maid, and therefore no more qualified to talk on such a subject than a hog is to give pointers on mathematical problems.

—Mrs. Lucy M. Poupard of Bradford attempted to commit suicide on Sunday morning by cutting her throat with a razor, but was discovered by neighbors before she inflicted a fatal wound. The death of a child recently and other troubles made her temporarily insane.

—It was announced officially in Buffalo yesterday that the W. N. Y. & P. will become part of the Allegany Valley system as soon as all of the details pertaining to the securing of the control of the company by the Pennsylvania Railroad have been completed.—Olean Times.

—Orlo J. Hamlin and Ralph E. Burdick of Smethport were business visitors in Mt. Jewett Tuesday. The gentlemen drove up behind Mr. Hamlin's team of roadsters, which by the way, are as handsome a pair as can be found in a day's travel in any direction.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

—During the absence of D. A. Dennison, editor of the Era, at the World's Exposition in Paris this summer, Edward F. McIntyre, formerly city editor of the Star, will act in his place. Mr McIntyre will arrive in Bradford next week from the wild and wooly Northwest.—Bradford Star.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 8 p. m. The lesson will be on "The Trial and Fall of Man." The anthems will be "Comes at Times," quartet and chorus, and "Abide With Me," male chorus.

—G. C. Phillip's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. will show here on Monday next. This company shows under canvas and is claimed to be the largest show of the kind traveling to-day. The tents will be pitched at the corner of Main and Pike streets, north of the Camp glass factory.

—If you are in business and want to do business do all you can to help the town in which you are in business. The newspapers in any town or city do as much or more for the place than any other concern, therefore give them your support by having your printing done at home newspaper offices.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending June 9, 1900: Miss Mary Cook, Avon Hall, Edward L. Larson, Edd Larson, Will Miller, Chas. G. Miller, Sec'y. Covilla Lodge No. 50, D. of R., Miss L. Walsh. Foreign.—Cerro Augustino, Joe Morino, Rosa De Gaspere.

—About 200 people were at the Erie depot last night when the train pulled out at 8 o'clock. The assemblage was there to bid good bye to Tourists Fagnan and Grady who were starting for Paris. Everybody wished them "bon voyage" and safe return. Mrs. Fagnan and her daughter Mary went on the same train to New York.—Bradford Era.

—The commencement exercises of the Smethport Graded School were held in Baptist church Thursday night. The exercises were interesting and very appropriate to the occasion. A banquet was held by the alumni at the Wright House after the exercises with this year's graduates as guests: Charles Masser, Clarence Choate, Misses Edna Church and Orra Biever.

—At Rochester a verdict of $6,000 in favor of Matthew Quinlivan for injuries received on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg road, was set aside by the Appellate Division because the judge instructed the jury that it was the company's duty to furnish a "safe" place to work. If he had said a "reasonably safe" place to work the verdict would stand.—Bradford Record.

—A union gospel temperance meeting, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church on next Sunday evening, June 17th. Mrs. William B. Heinemann, vice president of the county union, will read a paper on "The Privileges and Responsibilities of Young Women." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—The following story is referred to Comrade Tadder and ex-Sheriff Grubb for improvement: "A new cyclone story is vouched for by a western paper. It is that a cow which was picketed on a rope was picked up by the cyclone and carried up the length of the rope—about 60 feet—where she remained until the storm had passed, when she quietly climbed down the rope and resumed her grazing."—Bradford Star.

—Miss Belle Wyant, who leaves to-morrow for her home in Scio, Ohio, was "surprised" last evening at the home of Wm. Andorfer on Water street by a few of her friends. Games were the diversion of the evening and refreshments were served. A good time was enjoyed by all and at a late hour the guests departed expressing their regret at Miss Wyant's departure and wishing her the best success in the future wherever she may be.

—Quarterly meeting services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday. Love feast at 9:30 a. m. Address by the pastor at 10.30, followed by the Lord's Supper. There will be a temperance meeting in the evening to be addressed by Mrs. Heinemann of Colegrove, and others. On Friday evening at 8 o'clock will be held the third quarterly conference of the conference year. Rev. H. C. Woods, P. E., will preside. A full attendance is expected.

—The Galeton dispatch says: While hunting with a 22 calibre rifle Fred Schroeder, one of Germania's popular and industrious young men, accidentally shot himself through the temple Wednesday, which soon caused his death. The large attendance at his funeral to-day attested to the esteem with which he was held by the community. He was a member of the Germania band. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood in their affliction.

—A United States deputy marshal arrived here yesterday from Punxsutawney and placed D. W. Lerch under arrest. The latter is charged by a former business partner, Daniel S. Smith, with opening one of his (Smith's) personal letters. Mr. Lerch gave bail in the sum of $1,000 for his appearance before the United States Commissioner at Warren at a future date. Mr. Lerch, it is said, received the letter in his mail and the opening of it was through a mistake.—Bradford Era.

—Joseph Webb, brother of H. Fitzroy Webb, inventor of the patent glass tile, has just organized a company which includes a number of Coudersport capitalists, to start a new glass factory. They will build on a part of the land now owned by the Tile company, and will employ from one to two hundred men. Building operations will be begun at once, and the company expect to be in operation by November 1. They will make colored and fancy glassware.—Coudersport Democrat.

—During the recent forest fires in this vicinity James and Willie Vandegrift, of Delmar, aged 12 and 8 years respectively, captured a cub bear that was driven out of the woods by the fires. Last Saturday the lads, accompanied by their father, brought the young cub to this place and after exhibiting it on the streets they sold it to a Corning man for $25. The cub was of the cinnamon species and is supposed to have been an offspring of a large bear which escaped from a traveling show many years ago.—Wellsboro Gazette.

—Last Thursday John Davie of Clinton, Iowa, a former Bolivar boy, called the writer on the long distance telephone line and a conversation was carried on for several minutes. Although about 900 miles away, Mr. Davie's voice was easily heard and every word he uttered was understood. If a prediction had been made forty years ago that the day would come when men could hear each other's voices and carry on a conversation a thousand miles apart, the prophet would have been considered a fit candidate for the mad house.—Bolivar Breeze.

—On Friday last the Smethport schools closed for the summer vacation. The principal, teachers and board of directors have every reason to feel proud of the success which has been achieved this year. There have been drawbacks and obstacles to overcome during the year just passed. The destruction of our beautiful school building last year by fire made it necessary to hold school in an ill lighted and poorly ventilated shed but the attendance has been kept up to the average and the scholars have progressed rapidly. Few schools have been as successfully conducted as ours.

—Members of the C. and C. Club, Orlo J. Hamlin, Dr. E. R. Baker, Dr. F. E. Young, W. S. Palmer, A. W. Mitchell and A. D. Doyle, with T. J. Young as chef and "Punk" Steinhauer as guide, repaired to the head of the Driftwood waters near Camp Welendorf last Saturday to enjoy a week of fishing and hunting. The writer spent Sunday with the party and found them comfortably located on the banks of the Driftwood with the delicacies in the larder that fishermen could desire—all but one. We have not heard from the boys since Monday but know they will bring home a large catch [illegible]

—At a meeting of the citizens of Smethport held at the hose house on Tuesday evening it was decided to fittingly celebrate the fourth of July and the following executive committee was appointed: G. H. McCoy, chairman, S. E. Bell and S. E. Fry. A better selection could not have been made and under the supervision of this trio of hustling young men we may expect to see all former efforts in the line of fourth of July celebrations totally eclipsed. The committee began work at once and already reduced rates on all railroads have been secured, thus insuring a large crowd. Every citizen of the county seat should do his utmost to aid the committee.

—Children's Day exercises at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday were of unusual interest. The singing of the children and choir was especially attractive. The offering for the children's educational fund was larger than last year. The pastor made a brief address giving a history of Children's Day. The statistics were of general interest. He stated that in the beginning of the present century the church had only one college and that burned. Now there are 56 colleges, 60 academies, 1 missionary institutes, 25 theological institutes and 50 foreign mission schools. There are 3,000 instructors and 50,000 students. Children's Day was organized in 1872. The first collection in 1873 was less than $500; last year $80,000. It has aided 10,000 theological students in the twenty-seven years of its work.

A New Trunk Line.

That the absorption of the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad by the Pennsylvania company is of far-reaching importance to this section of country is undoubtedly the case. It must result in a through line from Buffalo and Rochester to Pittsburg via the Clermont branch and Ridgway & Clearfield road to Falls Creek, where it will connect with the Low Grade division of the Allegany Valley R. R. This will make one of the most direct and feasible railroad lines between the New York lake cities and the great iron metropolis at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. And every mile of this system is now under the control of the Pennsylvania Railroad company. The effect that the consolidation of these roads will have upon the business interests of Philadelphia is well told by the Times of that city a few days since. It says:

"The Pennsylvania railroad, through its Northern Central and Philadelphia and Erie divisions, has had a direct line from this city to Lake Erie at Erie for many years. Buffalo is the great eastern port on Lake Erie, however, and the Northern Central railway terminal is at Canandaigua, more than a hundred miles east of Buffalo. Heretofore freight and passenger traffic between this city and Buffalo over the Pennsylvania lines had to be carried on by a traffic agreement with the New York Central.

"By the acquisition of the Western New York and Pennsylvania railway the Pennsylvania secures entrance to Buffalo by a very direct route via Emporium and Olean, and by placing the line from Emporium to Buffalo in as good condition as that from Emporium to Philadelphia, it will be possible to run through passenger trains to Buffalo on a very fast schedule and to carry freight between the two points with quick dispatch and at moderate rates for carriage. Besides a direct through line to Buffalo, the Pennsylvania will acquire with the Western New York and Pennsylvania valuable branch lines to several important points in Northwestern Pennsylvania. By the consolidation the Western New York and Pennsylvania will become an integral part of a great trunk line. Its former financial embarrassments grew out of the fact that it had no Eastern connection of its own.

"The importance of this new line to Buffalo to this city can hardly be overestimated. The recent tour of inspection by the officials of the Pennsylvania over the consolidated line to Buffalo may be accepted as an announcement that the road is to be promptly put in the best possible condition and made a chief artery of traffic between the Delaware and the Great Lakes. The commerce of the lakes is already enormous and is rapidly growing. Heretofore the bulk of this traffic has eventually reached New York and Boston. Hereafter a constantly growing percentage of it may be expected to reach this city and contribute to a rapid increase of the commerce of this port. The new consolidation, which gives Philadelphia an additional trunk line to the eastern outlet of the Great Lakes, is one which will be hailed with great satisfaction by the commercial interests of this city, as it assures us a very important and rapid increase of our commerce."

Picnic Excursion.

The Travelers' Club and the Chautauqua Circle are inviting their friends to spend a day exploring the country along the route of the Kushequa railroad.

Mr. Kane has made arrangements to go with the excursionists in person to point out the many places of interest. They will visit the mills, factories, etc., will see the modern log-roller in operation and watch the men at their dangerous work on the Kinzua viaduct.

They will picnic at Meade Run and in the afternoon will enjoy the beautiful scenery to be found along the terminus of the road. Mr. Kane has furnished a car for them with baggage accommodations for the baskets, coffee pots, etc., at an exceedingly reasonable rate.

They will leave at 8:25 a. m., returning at 5:30 p. m. on Tuesday, June 19. All who are so fortunate as to receive invitations may count upon a delightful trip.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health.

LAWRENCE BAYER,
5 tf Clermont, Pa.

Musical Announcement.

Miss Rena Gallup announces that she will open a music studio at her home for the summer months. Pupils on piano or organ.

On or about July 5th my photograph gallery will be closed for a month, and my patrons are requested to get all work ordered before that date. Get your orders in early. R. C. GLEASON.

The New York Champion rake is the best in the market. All farmers know this fact. They are sold at Mason's Hardware.

You can save money by going to Holmes & Gilfillan's for your screens.

Criminal Court Report.

The following business was transacted at court after the MINER went to press last week.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Field, rape; jury returned verdict of not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Colburn and Walter D. Knowlton, forgery; not guilty.

Sentence was suspended on Jack Kinney, found guilty of larceny of a quantity of junk.

John Gorman was found not guilty of assault and battery. The complainant was his wife.

Commonwealth vs. Hezekiah Sessley, violating the livery law; jury returned verdict of not guilty but pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. Gottlieb Stem, assault and battery; defendant discharged.

Mrs. Julia Morse, the widow of one of the victims of the Red Rock trolley car accident, settled with the O., R. C. & B. railroad company by accepting $2,000.

Ellen C. Hanna et al vs. Junius R. Clark et al. Petition of C. C. Melvin, tax collector, for an order on John N. Apple receiver to pay 7-10 of taxes and order of court thereon filed.

The court appointed N. M. Orr committee in the matter of the lunacy of August Jacobson.

A. H. Knopps vs. Eclipse Oil company. Rule to show cause why appeal should not be stricken off was granted, returnable at the next argument court.

Marion M. Smith vs. William Elliott et al. Motion for judgment granted.

A decree of the court was filed granting the dissolution of the Hazelhurst Window Glass Co.

Use of R. Sartwell vs. Thomas Hassey defendant, and M. S. Comes, garnishee. A rule to show cause was granted why judgment should not be entered against garnishee, returnable at the next argument court.

In the matter of the estates of George Aoella and Winnie Bishop a petition of the guardian was filed for leave to mortgage the property of the minors and order of court was filed.

A. J. Bond vs. Elmer T. Summers et al. Motion for judgment granted.

Alice E. Slattery vs. The Great Tent of the K. O. T. M. Motion for plea granted.

Commonwealth vs. Jennie Williams, selling liquor without a license; guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $500 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for six months.

Commonwealth vs. Jennie Williams, keeping bawdy house, guilty. Sentenced to pay fine of $50 and costs and two months in county jail, to be computed after the expiration of former sentence.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Myers, adultery; guilty. A motion for a new trial was made and rule to show cause was granted.

Commonwealth vs. Bart Healy, Andrew Baiton and Frank Costello, violation of sepulchre; not guilty but pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. Michael Tobin, assault and battery; guilty. Sentenced to pay fine of $15 and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Chambers, assault and battery, not guilty.

In the matter of the estate of William Harris, deceased, a petition for the assignment of the widow's dower and the order of the court thereon was filed.

An alternative writ of mandamus was made in the case of the Commonwealth ex. rel. John P. Melvin, district attorney vs. the commissioners of McKean county. This case is brought to determine whether the tax on bicycles is constitutional. The tax has been declared unconstitutional by the Dauphin county court.

C. M. Colegrove, S. D. Heffner and C. G. Fitzgibbon were appointed viewers on a Bradford township road.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. W. O. Benham, was postponed until next term of court, the defendant furnished $200 bail for his appearance in October.

C. M. Colegrove, David Howells and C. V. Gillis were appointed viewers for a county bridge to be erected and will report at the next term of court.

Petition to change the polling place in the first precinct of Wetmore township was denied.

Thomas Mack, convicted of larceny, was sentenced to pay a fine of $50, costs, and serve one year and three months in the penitentiary.

Randolph Barber, convicted of felonious assault with intent to kill, was sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the western penitentiary for five years.

Killed a Burglar.

Ridgway Leader.

Early risers of the neighboring town of Wilcox were surprised yesterday morning to find that during the dark hours their leading business houses had been rallied and that considerable property was missing. The chief loss appeared to be from the large store of the C. H. Smith Co. Elsewhere, small booty had been gathered in but here, by breaking in the front doors, a handy place was found to make a haul and the thieves had done their worst. It is impossible to tell how much they secured, but the loss was sufficient to arouse the citizens of Wilcox. A message to Ridgway brought a sheriff's posse and a trail was at once struck which showed a "fresh scent." It led westward. When the searchers were in the vicinity of Dahoga they surprised a "camp" where four men were hidden. The desperadoes opened fire on the sheriff and deputies when discovered. In self-protection the fire was returned. One shot took effect and while three of the four men fled, the other dropped dead. Chase was given to the fleeing robbers and their capture is hourly expected. In the camp was found a quantity of liquor taken from Wilcox, a lot of pocket knives and jewelry stolen from Smith Bros.' store, and other articles readily recognized.

The body of the dead man was viewed by the coroner and removed to Wilcox, where it awaits identification. It is thought that he may be the man wanted in Clearfield on a suspicion of murder. On his person were nine knives stolen from the Wilcox store, and several other articles. He is about 25 years of age, weighs 150 pounds and has a great many scars. He was killed by a shot through the head from a weapon in the hands of a Wilcox man acting as a deputy sheriff.

Valuable Property For Sale.

Houses and lots centrally located in Smethport; terms moderate. Also store in the Reilly block for rent after May 22.
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R. C. Gleason will keep his photograph gallery open all day July 4th. You are invited to call.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

C. I. Burt Olson visited Bradford on Monday.

Hon. T. A. Morrison visited Bradford Wednesday.

S. W. Smith of Port Allegany was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. D. M. Brasted is visiting Buffalo friends this week.

Hon. Geo. Griffiths was over from Kane on Saturday.

Miss Jennie Hussey visited Bradford friends over Sunday.

Miss Rachel Rubin is visiting Bradford friends this week.

L. Scudder of Colegrove was a Smethport visitor on Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Burdick and son, Sidney, are visiting friends in Olean.

Mrs. J. F. Davis returned home from a visit to Bradford yesterday.

Miss Edna Church was the guest of Rew City friends on Wednesday.

A. P. Huey, Esq., of Kane was an agreeable caller at this office on Monday.

Mrs Sheridan Gorton has been the guest of Buffalo friends during the past week.

V. R. Vanderhule of Port Allegany was a pleasant caller at this office on Friday.

Miss Rose Curtis left on Saturday for a three weeks' visit with friends in Mansfield.

Miss Lucy Wright is attending commencement exercises at State College this week.

Miss Lulu Connolly of Bradford was the guest of Smethport friends the first of the week.

Alanson Burton Walker arrived in town Wednesday from the University of Rochester.

A. W. Mitchell returned home from Dickenson College for his summer vacation on Friday last.

Vic Beaton returned home Wednesday from a week's outing on Lake Erie with Buffalo friends.

Miss Emma Allen and little sister of Detrick City are visiting the Misses Boardman this week.

Earl Chase of Eldred visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Chase, of East Smethport on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McManus and daughter of Joslin, Mo., are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Miss Edna Keenan has finished her term of teaching in Bradford and is home for the summer vacation.

J. C. Backus returned home Saturday from a trip in interest of the Backus Safety Check Hook. He reports good success.

Sheridan Gorton, Jr., Lawrence Morrison, Harry Rubin and Clarence Choate attended the dance at Rew City Tuesday night.

Misses Lucy Mitchell, Maud Davis and Rena Gallup returned Friday from Chambersburg, where they have been attending school.

Miss Helen Haines, who has been the guest of her brother, William Haines, for some time, returned from a week's visit in Bradford Monday.

W. E. Rice and Wm. Filler, prominent Warren citizens, were in town over Sunday. The gentlemen attended the treasurer's sales on Monday.

Mrs. F. L. Sherburne and children and Miss Joan Lane of Pleasant Valley returned home from Eldred, where they have been visiting friends for the past few days.

Scott Redfield, editor of the Philatelic Post, is now enjoying a well earned vacation. On Wednesday he departed for Geneva, N. Y., to attend the commencement exercises at Hobart college.

Would Not Suffer So Again for Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price. G. H. WILSON, Liveryman, Eagletown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Sunday Excursion to Niagara Falls.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will run one of their popular low-rate excursions to Niagara Falls, Sunday, June 17th. Special train will leave Smethport at 8:55 a. m. Fare for the round trip $2.25. Returning, special train will leave Niagara Falls at 7:30 p. m.; Buffalo, 8:30 p. m. Tickets will also be good for return passage on all regular trains Monday, June 18th.

Daly & Ligendahl have opened a carriage store on Mechanic street. If you contemplate purchasing a vehicle of any kind see their stock and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. 18-tf.

A fatal policy is to neglect a backache or other sign of kidney trouble. Foley's Kidney Cure is a sure remedy for Bright's disease, diabetes and gravel. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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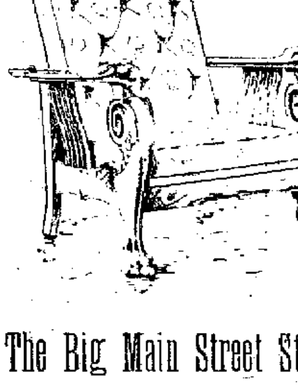

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Jennie Baxter, Journalist.

(Continued.)

"He will not be here until morning. He is at home. Is it anything important?"

"Yes. Where is his residence?"

"If you will have the kindness to inform me what your business is, madame, we will have pleasure in attending to it without disturbing Herr Director."

"I must communicate with the director in person. The Princess von Steinheimer is in her carriage outside, and I do not wish to keep her waiting." At mention of the princess the officer bestirred himself and became effusively polite.

"I shall call the director at once, and he will be only too happy to wait upon you."

"Oh! Have you a telephone here? And can I speak with him myself without being overheard?"

"Certainly, madame. If you will step into this room with me, I will call him up and leave you to speak with him."

This was done, and when the chief had answered Jennie introduced herself to him.

"I am Miss Baxter, whom you were kind enough to escort through the treasury building this afternoon."

"Oh, yes!" replied the chief. "I thought we were to postpone further inquiry until tomorrow."

"Yes; such was the arrangement, but I wanted to say that if my plans are interfered with, if I am kept under surveillance, I shall be compelled to withdraw from the search."

A few moments elapsed before the chief replied, and then it was with some hesitation.

"I should be distressed to have you withdraw; but, if you wish to do so, that must be a matter entirely for your own consideration. I have my duty to perform, and I must carry it out to the best of my poor ability."

"Quite so. I am obliged to you for speaking so plainly. I rather surmised this afternoon that you looked upon my help in the light of an interference."

"I should not have used the word 'interference,'" continued the chief, "but I must confess that I never knew results to follow amateur efforts which could not have been reached much more speedily and effectually by the regular force under my command."

"Well, the regular force under your command has been at work several weeks and has apparently not accomplished very much. I have devoted part of an afternoon and evening to the matter, so before I withdraw I would like to give you some interesting information, which you may impart to the government, and I am quite willing that you should take all the credit for the discovery, as I have no wish to appear in any way as your competitor. Can you hear me distinctly?"

"Perfectly, madame," replied the chief.

"Then, in the first place, inform the government that there has been no robbery."

"No robbery! What an absurd statement, if you will excuse me for speaking so abruptly! Where is the gold if there was no robbery?"

"I am coming to that. Next inform the government that its loss will be but trifling. That heap of debris which you propose to cart away contains practically the whole of the missing 200,000,000 florins. More than one-third of the heap is pure gold. If you want to do a favor to a good friend of yours and at the same time confer a benefit upon the government itself, you will advise the government to secure the services of Herr Feltz, so that the gold may be extracted from the rubbish with the least possible loss. I put in a word for Herr Feltz because I am convinced he is a most competent man. Tonight his action saved you from dismissal tomorrow; therefore you should be grateful to him. And now I have the honor to wish you good night."

"Wait—wait a moment!" came in beseeching tones through the telephone. "My dear young lady, pray pardon any fault you have to find with me and remain for a moment or two longer. Who, then, caused the explosion, and what was its object?"

"That I must leave for you to find out, Herr Director. You see, I am giving you the results of merely a few hours' inquiry, and you cannot expect me to discover everything in that time. I don't know how the explosion was caused; neither do I know who the criminals were. It would probably take me all day tomorrow to find that out, but as I am leaving the discovery in such competent hands as yours I must curb my impatience until you send me full particulars. So, once again, good night, Herr Director."

"No, no! Don't go yet. I shall come at once to the station, if you will be kind enough to stop there until I arrive."

"The Princess von Steinheimer is waiting for me in her carriage outside, and I do not wish to delay her any longer."

"Then let me implore you not to give up your researches."

"Why? Amateur efforts are so futile, you know, when compared with the efforts of the regular force."

"Oh, my dear young lady, you must pardon an old man for what he said in a thoughtless moment! If you knew how many useless amateurs meddle in our very difficult business, you would excuse me. Are you quite convinced of what you have told me—that the gold is in the rubbish heap?"

"Perfectly. I will leave for you at the office here the analysis made by Herr Feltz, and if I can assist you further it must be on the distinct understanding that you are not again to interfere with whatever I may do. Your conduct in going to Herr Feltz tonight after you had left me and commanding him not to give me any information I should hesitate to characterize by its right name."

"My commands seem to have offered little obstruction to you. Herr Feltz doubtless gave you the information when you asked for it."

"No; he did not. He gave me the information only when he was assured that if he withheld it longer Princess von Steinheimer would have procured your instant dismissal from the force. You have every reason to be grateful to Herr Feltz, and I want you to understand that."

"I do understand it, and I am grateful to him. Am I to have the pleasure of seeing you tomorrow?"

"I hope not. When I have anything further to communicate, I will send for you."

"Thank you. I shall hold myself always at your commands."

This telephonic interview being happily concluded, Jennie hurried through the main office to the princess, stopping on her way to give the paper containing the analysis to the official in charge and telling him to give it to the director when he returned to his desk. This done, she passed out into the night, with the comforting consciousness that the worries of a busy day had not been without their compensations.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Domestic Infelicity.

Husband—What's worrying you now?

Wife—Oh, I was thinking about the lace curtains you said I might buy for the parlor. If I don't get them, the neighbors will think I can't afford them, and if I do, they'll hide the view of our handsome new furniture which the neighbors might have through the windows.—Philadelphia Press.

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WHEN LOVE IS DEAD.

When love is dead, draw thou the lattice close,
Shut out the world, with all its blare and din;
Rain down the petals of the faded rose
Lest pity enter in.

When love is dead, weave thou a checkered pall
Of broken promises and faith unkept,
For in the twilight, when the soft dews fall,
Thy heart shall know love wept.

The bee shall drone his homely, humming note
Upon thine ear until thy day shall pass;
The wood bird shall reproach thee from the moat
And things that throng the grass.

A little child shall look with wondering eye
Into thine own and greet thy smile with tears;
A butterfly with ghostly wings shall die
And haunt thee through the years.
—Virginia Frazer Boyle in Harper's Magazine.

A PUFF OF WIND

And What It Did For a Husband.

BY W. R. ROSE.

He opened the front door with his latchkey and let himself in. It was blowing hard outside, and as he held the door ajar a puff of wind rushed in. It was a strong capful, and it swayed the curtains and fluttered the long leaves of the hardy palm in the parlor archway. Then it caught up a bit of note paper that lay on the little table in the hall and whirled it away beneath the bookcase in the corner. The man who was entering did not see this fluttering note. He shut the door quickly and turned about.

"Nellie! Oh, Nellie! Where the deuce can she be?" he muttered. "Never left me like this before. What did she take with her?" He opened the clothes closet off the bedroom and looked at her garments hanging in an orderly row. He let his hand fall lovingly on the familiar folds and pass down them with a gently smoothing pressure. Her dresses seemed so eloquent of her presence. Was she hiding behind these dangling frocks? He poked his way into the closet, up one side and back on the other, but no Nellie was concealed within its limited area.

"Funny!" he muttered again. "Seems to be gone without a word. Wonder what she did with her jewelry?" He thought he knew where she hid it away, but he didn't. At least it wasn't there.

"May have taken it with her," he murmured and stopped short. The idea was an ugly one. "You're a fool, John Austin!" he said and scowled at himself in the glass.

There was a pleasant aroma arising from the interior of the dresser. It seemed a part of her. There were two of her hairpins lying on the dresser top. He picked them up carefully and laid them on the little china dish where a dozen or more of their brothers were stretched at length. Her old shoes lay beside her low sewing chair, small and slim. He knew she had gone in a hurry. She would never have left this mark of untidiness if she hadn't been pressed for time. But what could have drawn her away from home so suddenly?

John Austin was not a thoroughly well man. He had worked too hard; he was nervous and irritable. Evening after evening he had come home and unloaded into his wife's keeping as much as he could of his burden of daily vexations. For the first time in their 18 months of married bliss his wife had left him without a word of warning.

He came slowly down the stairway and dropped himself into a big chair in the library. His eye wandered about the apartment. It was growing dusky outside, and the books about him were dim and misty. He shook his fist in a sudden fit of frenzy at the tiers of volumes.

"She's been reading harmful books," he sputtered; "Ibsen and Maeterlink, and who knows what all? They are dangerous and degrading. They corrupt the soundest mind with their pessimistic sophistries. What's this?" He picked up a newspaper clipping from the table and, lighting the gas, read it aloud:

"The souls of women knock sometimes at the bars of convention, of tradition, of marriage, and clamor for freedom—even if it be the briefest of respites. Sometimes when they least expect it the desire to fly grows strong upon them and they are ready to throw down all that is at hand and strike out boldly in the direction of the luring voice. Who can blame them? Do you blame the captive brutes in the arena for beating their breasts sore against the cruel bars that cut them off from the delights of liberty? Woman has the same instinct. It flares out at times when least expected, and the woman goes forth heart hungry and longing, too, for that blessed boon that men call—and monopolize—freedom."

John threw the clipping down.

"Absolute rot," he snarled. Then he quickly said, "And she must have been reading it just before she started out." His voice sank on the last words, then he briskly added: "Don't be a fool, John. Everything will come out all right. You know it will. Here you are worrying over what is probably a trivial incident. Be a man."

Nevertheless his hand trembled when he picked up the obnoxious clipping and tossed it into the wastebasket.

He leaned back in his chair and, taking out a cigar, lighted and smoked it.

He thought of the first time he saw Nellie, of how little he imagined she would become so dear to him, of the gradual growth of love, of the day he asked her to be his wife. Queer that he had never gone over the romance before. How vividly it all came back to him. And this was the first time he had recalled it. He had been too busy to think of such trifles. Trifles! Too busy to think of aught save his own plans and hopes and ambitions. Had his wife no hopes and plans, no ambitions? Was her life so indissolubly linked with his that she was individually effaced? He had never asked himself this question before. It was time it was asked. How supremely selfish he had been! He had never recognized the fact until now. He passed his hand wearily over his forehead. He wasn't well. He had the blues. He needed a strong bracer. He went to the sideboard and poured out a half tumblerful of whisky in the little glass. He picked it up. Then he pushed it back. It seemed cowardly. Why should he be afraid of his thoughts? He remembered, too, how reproachfully she always looked at him when he drank. He knew it was a temptation that he ought to avoid. And yet her reproachful glances never stopped him. He would laugh at her and drink in a spirit of bravado.

He went back to the big chair in the library. What confounded disagreeable companions a man's thoughts were! They came uninvited and they didn't have the grace to leave when they found they were not welcome. Did Nellie ever sit and think? She had plenty of time for it. Much more time than he had. Did she look back as he had been looking back? Did—did she regret?

A great many people had admired Nellie. All the men who knew of his domestic affairs considered him a very lucky man. He took their compliments as a matter of course. He felt complacently that this was complimentary to his good taste and his admirable home discipline. Fool!

There was one man in particular, his friend, whom he had reason to believe had loved Nellie and would have made her his wife. He was a fine fellow, a popular man, and he was worth a good deal of money. He would have made life easier, perhaps happier, for her. He contrasted himself with this man. Was there any possible balance in his favor? And yet Nellie had preferred him. Was it love or was it pique? Did the occasional sight of this old admirer ever arouse regret?

He got up slowly and looked at the clock. He had been dozing and dreaming for he knew not how long. It was past midnight. He would go to bed. She certainly wasn't coming home. Besides, she had her key.

He turned off the gas and went up the stairs slowly and wearily. He felt old. When he reached their room, he did not light the gas. He knew that almost every object in the apartment would remind him of her.

When he was in bed, he stretched his arm slowly and tenderly across the vacant place beside him and fell asleep.

He awoke with a subtle odor in his nostrils, faint, yet potent, a delicious odor. He sat up quickly. It was broad daylight, with the sun pouring through the window, over which he had forgotten to draw the shade. He looked about. No, Nellie hadn't come home.

"John, John, you lazy boy! It's 8 o'clock, and the coffee is getting cold."

Was that her voice or was he dreaming? Can you dream the odor of coffee? He dressed in a wild hurry and then added the finishing touches more slowly.

She was at the foot of the stairs, her face beaming, her eyes sparkling.

"Hello, Johnnie," she cried.

"Hello," he answered and stooped to meet her kiss.

"Miss me?"

"Yes, a little."

"That's right. Where did you get your dinner?"

"Dinner?"

"You great goose, I don't believe you had any! Did you miss me as much as that? But you'll enjoy your breakfast all the more. Of course you got my note?"

John started slightly.

"Of course."

"Why, what's this by the bookcase? Here's the note now. A puff of wind must have blown it from the table where you dropped it. There, there; sit down. You'll find your butterfly wife hasn't forgotten how to cook. How's the coffee?"

"First class," answered John, with a great gulp.

"Thank you, dear. You see, Mabel sent for me in such a hurry I just had time to scribble that note and jump in the carriage. And, oh, John, they've got the sweetest little girl baby there you ever saw! And, John, do you know, Mabel wouldn't let me out of her sight for a moment; just clung to me and didn't want anybody else to come near her; kept me holding tight to her hand for hours and hours. It touched me deeply, John. I never dreamed Mabel cared so much for me."

He looked up. Her bright eyes were full of tears.

"Can you blame her?" he asked, with a lame attempt at jocularity. Then he added, "Been up all night?"

"Yes," she answered. "I couldn't get away until Mabel fell asleep. But I hope I don't show my late hours as you do, John. You look quite bleary."

As he went down the street to the car a little later he felt quite as bleary as he looked. He had passed a hard night, and he hadn't the marvelous recuperative powers of his wife. He was irritable and angry at himself.

"Confound that puff of wind," he said.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Wonderful Geological Freak.

Among the many wonderful freaks in nature there can be none in the geological line that can possibly excel that known as "The Giant's Head." It stands, or, rather, reclines, against the face of the cliff at Point Pinos, in Monterey county, Cal., and all who have viewed the wonder declare it to be the most colossal as well as the most marvelous freak in natural sculpture in existence.

All portions of the "head" except the back, which appears to be "blocked" into the metamorphic rocks against which it seems to be so naturally reclining, are as perfect as though fresh from the hands of some giant sculptor. The chin, mouth, nose, eyes and brow are all perfect, as is also the hair, which appears to be gracefully drawn back from the forehead.

The ears are not so "true to life" as the other features are, but even in this respect no stretch of the imagination is required in order to see tolerably perfect auricular appendages. The bold features, backward waves of the hair, massive forehead, mustache, finely chiseled nostrils and deep set eyes are all reproduced on a natural yet gigantic scale and with wonderful exactness.

The Typewriter and the Eye.

There is the general opinion among oculists that the eye is much relieved by the general introduction of typewritten matter. A recent medical work upon diseases of the eye gives a great many proofs in substantiation of this opinion.

The characters are so large on the keys that there is no appreciable strain on the vision, and when dexterity is attained the eyes can scarcely be said to be used at all. A vast strain is taken off the eye by writing with the typewriter instead of the pen, but the advantages of reading the typewritten matter are even more important from a medical point of view, and the strain upon the hands is also slight.

It is said that a person can work for eight consecutive hours, with slight interruptions, without the hands being conscious of fatigue. In using the typewriter the additional labor of focusing the eyes calls the muscles into undue use, and the result is that many defects of vision which would not probably be discovered under normal conditions are brought to the front.—Scientific American.

Paris Is France.

Paris has always been France. All the great movements of the country have been centered there, whether political, religious, social, literary or artistic. So that any attempt to trace the history of the city [illegible] the study of the nation [illegible] the history of the French [illegible] to Paris. One realizes this particularly when he comes to study the lives of [illegible] men and women. They may have been born in the south or east or north or west, but to rise to the first rank they were obliged to seek the capital. It was there they sought [illegible], formed relations, began their careers, played their parts.—Scribner's.

Not Tactful.

Lord John Russell was not tactful. On one occasion he took the Duchess of Inverness down to dinner, and after he had sat down for a minute he jumped up and went to the opposite side of the table and sat by the Duchess of St. Albans.

His wife asked him afterward why he had done it. He said, "I should have been ill if I had sat with my back to that great fire."

"I hope," said Lady John, "you gave your reason to the Duchess of Inverness."

"No," he said, "I didn't, but I told the Duchess of St. Albans!"

A Letter to the Candidate.

We are permitted to give a copy of a letter received by a Georgia candidate:

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—Atlanta Constitution.

[illegible] Banner Salve [illegible] It heals the hurt quickly. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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PORTRAITS IN THE WALL OF THE FAMOUS MARBLE ROOM.

A Slab of Stone In the Treasury Department That Shows a Perfect Profile of Queen Victoria and Other Interesting Pictures.

The often repeated statement that Uncle Sam is without sentiment is illustrated in a measure in the treasury department. The famous marble room, which cost the government $280,000, although still a place of beauty, is no longer an ornamental [illegible] only. The room around which [illegible] woven many a [illegible] tale, the room in which General Grant received the guests who attended his first inaugural ball, is now used as a cash room.

Forty years ago, when the architects who planned the interior of the room saw his dream realized, when the painters and decorators had completed their labors and visitors were allowed to gaze upon its magnificence, it was declared to be the finest room in the country. Men and women of national and international fame have danced upon the marble floors where today stand prosaic counters and desks. The pretty gallery in which sat the famously beautiful women of those days, where society gossiped and belles and beaus carried on flirtations, is still retained. But it is empty, and no one, unless it be the spirits of those who once adorned the room, looks down upon the small army of employees who handle $262,000,000 each year before it is distributed throughout the United States.

This famous room of the treasury department has been used for this purpose for a number of years. The growing demands of the department made this necessary, but the place has not lost reputation even if it has become one of the government's workshops. The marble room of the treasury department is known far and wide, and is a feature of interest to visitors on a tour of inspection of the building. The interior is constructed of marble brought from sunny Italy, from France and from Vermont.

F. E. Spinner was treasurer when the room was built. W. H. West was chief clerk, and A. B. Mullett was the supervising architect. Hugh McCulloch was secretary of the treasury, and his assistants were W. E. Chandler and J. F. Hartly. This information is proclaimed by two marble slabs placed above the doors. All the marble is without doubt the most magnificent that could be obtained. One of the squares, however, is particularly remarkable. It is a beautiful specimen of black Vermont marble. A crack runs through the middle of this square, the most remarkable one in the whole room. On it, as though drawn by an artist, is a picture of Queen Victoria, a full life sized figure of an old Quakeress and the head and shoulders of a French soldier, with his little round cap set jauntily on the side of his head, fastened with a cord that runs down the side of the face and under the chin.

The discovery of the faces and figures on the marble was made by Messenger W. H. Elliott. One day, while seated in front of the square, he was startled by the lines of alternate black and white forming the figure of the old Quakeress. A full side view of the old woman is shown. The traditional poke bonnet is pictured, a shawl covers the slightly drooped shoulders, and the hands are folded complacently in front of the body. It needs no steady gaze to bring out the picture. It is as perfect as though drawn by a master hand.

The face of Queen Victoria is also remarkably true to life. It requires no effort of imagination to draw out the contour of her face. Only the profile and a small portion of the shoulders are displayed. The face of Queen Victoria on the marble has given the officials no end of amusement. Several years ago, while a number of young English women who had visited this country for the purpose of attending a Christian Endeavor convention were being taken through the treasury department, they were shown the face of their beloved queen. They were greatly amazed at the likeness, and many exclamations of love and veneration were expressed. While admiring the queer designing of nature one of the young women declared that the English government should purchase the marble square.

The picture of the French soldier is shown in the lower right hand corner of the square. The figure is half life size and is in profile. [illegible] The shoulders are thrown back just as they are drawn by famous [illegible] military artists. Nothing could be more truly drawn than the round cap which is set half over the left ear. There are other faces and figures to be found on the square. Dogs, birds and countless grotesque figures can easily be traced by following the lines.—Washington Post.

A Mightier Tribe.

Once upon a time the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher of Elmira, N. Y., brother to Henry Ward Beecher, got into some sort of a quarrel with a man named Smith down at Cohoes. Thomas K. Beecher wrote the presumptuous man a defiant little note, saying curtly:

"Do you want to get into a quarrel with the Beecher family?"

And the man wrote back, with a snarl:

"Do you want to fight with the Smith family?"

And so Beecher could stand that. Thomas K. laughed and hastened to make terms.—Los Angeles Times.

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The history [illegible] influenza [illegible]

Gambling [illegible]

[illegible]

This is a point worth remembering for many [illegible] that [illegible] method of [illegible] effectual [illegible] the pharynx.—[illegible]

A Famous Kentucky Hotel.

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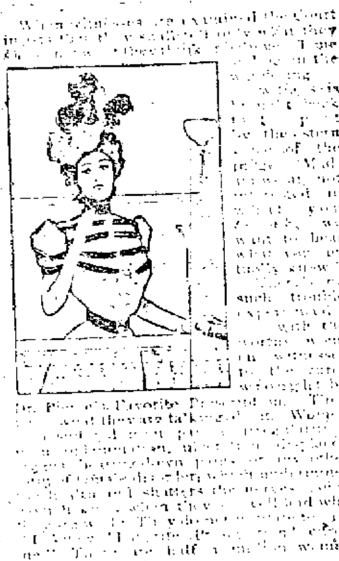

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11:00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

1:35 P. M.—Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford, connecting with B. R. & P. for Buffalo and Rochester, arriving at Buffalo at 5:35 p. m. and Rochester at 8:30 p. m.—and Mt. Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Sheffield, Tiona, Warren, Corry, Union City and Erie.

5:10 P. M.—Mail and Express daily for Ormsby Junction, Mount Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and daily except Sunday for Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford; connecting at Bradford with train 10 Erie R. R. for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY RAILROAD. Time Table, taking effect Monday, Oct. 23, 1899.

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	STATIONS.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8.2[illegible]	7.18	2.10	Ar. Ulysses Dp.	7.32	2.30	9.25
8.02	7.10	1.59	Crowell	7.41	12.39	9.35
7.57	o	1.56	Carpenter	o	12.41	9.38
7.52	7.05	1.53	Perkins	7.45	12.44	9.41
7.47	7.02	1.50	S'w'd Junct'n	7.47	2.46	9.45
7.35	o	1.46	Newfield	o	12.51	9.50
7.20	6.54	1.41	Gold	7.55	2.54	9.55
7.15	6.49	1.35	Raymond	7.59	2.59	10.00
7.00	6.39	1.24	Seven Bridges	8.11	3.11	10.13
6.55	6.36	1.21	Colesburg	8.14	3.14	10.25
6.45	6.29	1.14	Frink's	8.22	3.21	10.30
6.35	o	o	Nor. C'port	o	13.37	10.50
6.30	6.15	1.00	Dp. Coudersport Ar.	8.36	3.35	11.00

P. M.	P. M.		Coudersport	A. M.	P. M.
4.20	12.40	12.53	Ar. Dp.	8.45	7.00	11.30

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Hammond, Olmsted, Mina, Knowlton, Roulette, Burtville, Coleman, Chemical Works, Port Allegany [illegible]

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Leaves Smethport for Bradford as follows: 9.25 a. m., 2:50 p. m., 5:45 p. m. Arrive at Bradford 10:30 a. m., 3:55 p. m., 6:45 p. m.

Leave Bradford 7.4[illegible] a. m., 12:50 p. m., 4:30 p. m. Arrive Smethport [illegible] a. m., 1:50 p. m., 5:30 p. m.

Leave Smethport for Mt. Jewett 12:05 p. m. via B. R. & P. 1:35 p. m. via B. R. & P. 5:45 p. m. via Kinzua viaduct. Arrive Smethport from Mt. Jewett 8:45 a. m. via viaduct, 10:30 a. m. and 5:23 p. m. via B. R. & P.

For Buffalo and Rochester take the "Flyer" train leaving here at 2:50 p. m.

For Pittsburg take the train at 12:05.

T. E. MOULTON, Supt.

C. H. GLEASON, Agent.

Mileage books over B., R. & P., rates of fare for through tickets and tickets to all points east, west and south can be furnished by applying to C. H. Gleason, Agent Kushequa Route.

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TIME TABLE

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY.

In effect May 27, 1900

Trains leave Smethport for Larabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 8:24 a. m.

Buffalo Mail daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.

Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, [illegible]

Train leaving Smethport 2:55 p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south.

Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday 9.24 a. m.

Clermont-Accom daily ex Sunday 12.12 p. m.

Clermont Accom daily ex Sunday 7.00 p. m.

Clermont Local [illegible]

For Larabee, Port [illegible] and points south.

[illegible]

Get Time Tables [illegible]

A. E. WORMER, Ticket Agent.

R. BELL, General Sup't.

[illegible]

PENNSYLVANIA [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA & [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE [illegible]

[illegible] Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York [illegible] week days 10:23 a. m., Sundays [illegible] Baltimore 6:15 a. m., Washington 7:15 a. m. [illegible] sleeping cars from Erie [illegible] Williamsport [illegible] cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and [illegible] Washington.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, week days, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and [illegible]

[illegible]

Train 9 leaves New York [illegible]

[illegible]

Train 6, leaves Philadelphia [illegible] Washington 7:55 a. m., Baltimore 8:55 a. m., Wilkes-barre 10:55 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 4:20 p. m. with Philadelphia Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Baltimore.

JOHNSONBURG [illegible]

[illegible] Glen Hazel [illegible] Straight [illegible] Instanter [illegible] Smith's Run [illegible] Wilcox [illegible] Clermont [illegible]

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:40 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:55 p. m., and at Ridgway with train [illegible] leaving Ridgway 12:10 p. m. for DuBois, Red Bank, Pittsburg and intermediate points and train [illegible] leaving Ridgway at 2:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. [illegible] Gen. Pass. Agent.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Jan. 1st, 1900, passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, Clearfield, Pittsburg and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—NORTH BOUND.

8.10 a. m. and 4.15 p. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Limestone, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, [illegible] Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester. Week days only.

3.35 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily for Ashford, Springville, [illegible] Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2.55 p. m. Sunday for Salamanca and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.

[illegible] a. m. and [illegible] p. m.—[illegible] way, Brockwayville [illegible]

12.54 p. m.—Pittsburg [illegible] Ridgway [illegible]

[illegible] between all stations [illegible]

For time tables [illegible] address any of [illegible]

L. B. McINTYRE, [illegible] EDWARD C. LAPEY, [illegible]

Popular Scenic Route

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA [illegible]

[illegible]

CONNECTIONS.

At Keating Summit with W. N. Y. & P. [illegible]

At Ansonia with C. R. & B. [illegible]

At Fowlers with [illegible]

At Genesee with N. Y. & P. [illegible]

At Addison with Erie R. R. [illegible]

At Wellsville with Erie R. R.

H. C. UNDERHILL, Gen'l Pass. Ag't, Buffalo, N. Y.

W. C. PARK, Gen. Supt. [illegible]

M. J. McMAHON, Div. Pass. Agt. Galeton, Pa.

J. H. GOLDMAN [illegible] Asst. Gen. [illegible]

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern

Time Table No. [illegible] Passenger Trains [illegible]

MT. JEWETT & SMETHPORT [illegible]

[illegible] Smethport [illegible] Hazelhurst [illegible] Mt. Jewett [illegible] Bradford

SHAWMUT DIVISION.

Effective Monday, [illegible]

[illegible]

Close connections at St. Marys with [illegible] for all points east [illegible] W. N. Y. & P. [illegible] their connections.

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